



Call for proposals

The *Democracy and Dialogues* project of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, in partnership with other University co-sponsors (current list below), will award five (5) new fellowships to participate in UConn's ongoing Initiative on Campus Dialogues (ICD) Fellowship Program. This year's program will focus on creating dialogue in the classroom. In keeping with the recommendations made by the President's Committee on Civil Discourse and Dialogue, submitted in July 2018, ICD will support teams working to develop the skills of learning and decision making across difference about difficult topics and subjects.

What? The ICD Fellowship Program, now in its third year, is a University-wide partnership, with participation from academic, service, outreach and administrative units. Fellowship teams will engage in a year-long, shared-learning process, develop projects that apply dialogue and deliberation to a specific content area and curricular settings, and make use of, and potentially contribute to, current research-in-practice. As part of their fellowship, teams will:

- Participate in a launch meeting early in the fall semester
- Attend regular meetings (3 per semester) and a 1-day winter-break "retreat":
 - Meetings will take various forms in order to meet fellows' needs and interests. Possible examples include workshops on developing individual projects, hosting outside experts, training sessions (e.g. facilitation/moderation, digital humanities, or other tech skills), information gathering related to projected project outcomes, presentation/testing of program, etc. These meetings will be open to the entire University community and publicized by the Dodd Center;
 - **NB:** Meeting dates will be determined once fellows have been chosen. **At least one team member must be present at each meeting. All members are required to attend the Winter Break Retreat.** Please bear this in mind when applying.
- Present at concluding meeting/conference at end of spring semester.

For a list of last year's Fellowship projects, see [here](#).

Who? Projects can be led by a single individual or be team-based. Projects must be led by a UConn affiliate, such as faculty (permanent or part time), staff or students; teams can also include non-UConn affiliates.

Outcomes / Outputs: The primary goal of the 2019-20 Fellowship Program is to **develop applied dialogue and deliberation skills** to UConn courses and curriculum. Secondary goals include the creation of a community of practice at UConn committed to the advancement of practical and theoretical knowledge of these approaches, and enhancing UConn's capacity to serve as a resource for those both on and off campus seeking to address problems through democratic encounters.

The following is a list of sample deliverables that offer possible means by which those goals might be realized by fellows/fellowship teams:

- a syllabus for a class taught through dialogic method/approach, or that contains a significant dialogic element (these can be newly created courses or alterations to existing ones);



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- “how-to” guide, set of resources, network or infrastructure creation, etc. that will help others introduce dialogic practice into the classroom;
- “assessment” of learning outcomes of the dialogic classroom, or replicable tool/model for doing such assessment or evaluation.

Resources provided?

- *Up to \$5,000 per team:*
 - Funds can be used for a variety of purposes: travel, honoraria, catering, materials, consulting fees, and the like. A budget will be requested from all fellows and will be subject to ICD Steering Committee approval.
 - It is hoped that participants will seek to leverage that initial support to secure additional funds, if needed.
 - Fellows can also self-fund, or make arrangements with a sponsoring unit in the University.
- **Materials support:**
 - Fellows will have access to office materials and basic equipment (copier, printer, hi-tech seminar room) at the Dodd Center. Access is provided by requests made to Dodd Center staff.
- **Publicity assistance and promotion.** (Please note, a minimum of 2 weeks is needed for any publicity request.)

How to Apply:

Applications are due **September 6** and should be submitted in either pdf or Word format to dialogues@uconn.edu with “ICD Fellowship Application” in the subject line of the email. The application consists of 2 parts:

1. A proposal narrative (1,000 words maximum); The narrative should include the following information:
 1. The goals of the project;
 2. How these goals address those of ICD;
 3. How the goals will be pursued;
 4. The expected outputs or deliverables;
 5. Applicant(s)’ experience in engaged research initiatives;
 6. Itemized budget;
 7. Project timeline.
2. A CV or resumé (for each participating member if team application).

Decisions will be announced **Sept 13**.

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