



DCI

Co-Conveners

The purpose of the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) is to create opportunities for Davidson students, faculty, staff, and members of the wider community to productively engage with one another on difficult and contentious issues facing our community and society. The DCI seeks two Davidson students to join the initiative as Co-Conveners for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The student Co-Conveners will work closely with the DCI Faculty Director, Coordinator, and other Co-Conveners to guide the initiative's direction, implement its programs, and monitor its progress. Both student Co-Conveners will be involved in the overall planning, implementation, and outreach of the DCI, but each will have a unique individual role oriented towards the DCI's goals.

At this time of intense feelings, rapid change, and hyper-polarization, the DCI Co-Conveners will have the opportunity to contribute to the urgent and important work of bringing people together to explore how and why their perspectives are both similar and different – and begin building common solutions to our collective challenges.

Program Components

Throughout the year, the student Co-Conveners will attend events organized by the DCI whenever possible and provide input on its plans and programs when needed. The Co-Conveners will support the DCI Fellows with initiative outreach, attend monthly meetings with the DCI leadership team, collaborate with the other Co-Conveners to enhance and develop the initiative, and learn from readings and research associated with their specific initiative goal. They will also participate in DCI training workshops and may serve as facilitators of DCI D-Teams and Deliberative Forums as needed. Each co-convener will also have specific areas of focus, as outlined below:

Co-Convener Position Focused on Creative Solutions

One student Co-Convener will be responsible for monitoring and ensuring that the initiative is accomplishing *DCI Goal #4: Proposing Creative Solutions*. This student should have a strong interest in the development and analysis of local and/or national policies and programs that can help solve some of our most pressing challenges. This Co-Convener will help identify, adapt, and create innovative ideas that can seed deliberations organized by the initiative, as well as build out ideas discussed and generated in the deliberations themselves.

To learn more about the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative, visit our [website](#) or email dci@davidson.edu

Co-Convener Position Focused on Deliberation Assessment and Research

One student Co-Convener will be responsible for monitoring and ensuring that the initiative is accomplishing *DCI Goal #5: Analyzing the Deliberative Process and Supporting Deliberation Research*. This student should have a strong interest in researching discourse and deliberation, as they will help identify the most promising and problematic deliberation practices being used elsewhere. They will also evaluate what is working well and what is not working well in the DCI's programs.

Time Commitment and Compensation

Student Co-Conveners can expect to commit approximately 14 hours every two weeks on their activities with the initiative. These hours may vary depending on the timing of scheduled events and activities. Selected Co-Conveners should make plans to attend online orientation sessions on Saturday, September 5th and Saturday, September 12th from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Per Davidson's Human Resources policies, each student Co-Convener will be employed with the DCI to receive hourly compensation at a rate of \$9.00 per hour.

Eligibility

Any Davidson College student is eligible to apply on [WildcatSync](#) to become a 2020-2021 DCI student Co-Convener. Students do not have to be resident on-campus in order to participate as a Co-Convener. Davidson students who are part of programs such as the Bonner Scholars program may be able to use the DCI experience to fulfill program service hour requirements in lieu of hourly compensation. Students should check with their respective program director.

How to Apply

To submit your application, please complete the 'Co-Convener Application – Deliberative Citizenship Initiative' form on WildcatSync. [Click here to access WildcatSync](#).

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