

# INSTITUTE FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY



How can young people move beyond political labels and become effective leaders on critical policy issues? Join high school students from across the country to deliberate on pressing national challenges and create informed, lasting solutions! This two-week Institute begins with the *National Youth Impact Summit* and moves towards examining why it is so difficult to enact change on pressing challenges facing the nation in the second week. Students who are accepted for the full two-week program will participate in a facilitation training and be certified by Close Up and Stanford's Center for Deliberative Democracy as *Student Ambassadors of Deliberative Dialogue*.

You may apply for either the *National Youth Impact Summit* (1 week in DC) or the full 2-week *Advanced Deliberative Democracy Course* (1 week in DC + 1 week online).

## Program Details

**National Youth Impact Summit** | Monday, June 20 – Saturday, June 25, 2022

The week-long National Youth Policy Summit equips you with the tools and knowledge to become a catalyst for change in your community. You will research and understand the characteristics and causes of pressing national issues, consider the value of deliberation, develop a cohesive Youth Agenda for Action, and meet with public officials to advocate for your proposals.

**Advanced Deliberative Democracy Course** | Monday, June 20 – Saturday, June 25, 2022 (in Washington, DC) + Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30, 2022 (virtual via Zoom)

Building on a deep understanding of the national policy landscape and deliberation process from the *National Youth Impact Summit*, you will move towards examining why it is so difficult to enact change on pressing challenges facing the nation in week 2. Led by both Stanford and Close Up faculty, you will work with your peers on a real-world deliberative democracy project using the method of Deliberative Polling.

## Eligibility

**National Youth Impact Summit:** Students who have completed 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade with an interest in current events, government, and/or public policy.

**Advanced Deliberative Democracy Course:** Students who have completed 10th, 11th, or 12th grade with a defined interest in political science and public policy.

## Tuition

**National Youth Impact Summit (Week 1 only):** \$2,500 per student

**Advanced Deliberative Democracy Course (Weeks 1 & 2):** \$3,000 per student

\*Tuition covers all program components, lodging in a Washington, DC, metropolitan area hotel, and meals.

## Application Process

Please apply [here](#). The Early Decision deadline is March 1, 2022 and space is limited. Close Up and Stanford's Center for Deliberative Democracy are committed to equity and inclusion; please [contact us](#) for financial aid information.

## About Us

Check out our [FAQS](#) to learn more about Close Up, Stanford's Center for Deliberative Democracy, and National Network of Schools in Partnership!