

2026 TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR MODERATORS

This Enrollment Agreement is hereby entered into by and between Close Up Foundation (“Close Up”) and the Moderator Participant (“Participant”) seeking enrollment in a NextGen Roundtable: Regional Deliberation program (the “Program”). In consideration for enrollment of Participant by Close Up, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Program as outlined below:

1. CAPABILITY TO PARTICIPATE

The Program will require Participant to interact with students and Close Up staff in a variety of settings.

2. RULES OF CONDUCT ON PROGRAM

Participant shall: (a) show respect at all times during the Program, including to students, teachers, Close Up staff, presenters, vendors, and digital communications; and (b) participate in all scheduled program activities unless previously excused by Close Up. Participant shall not: (a) enter a hotel room; (b) leave the Program or have visitors; (c) violate Close Up’s Social Media Policy (as set forth in Section 3 herein); or (d) possess or use alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, or firearms or weapons of any kind. Close Up also prohibits Participant’s use of any tobacco products or electronic nicotine delivery systems (e.g. e-cigarettes, Zyn pouches) while in Close Up hotels or while participating in any component of the Program.

By signing this Enrollment Agreement, Participant acknowledges and agrees that Close Up reserves the right, in its sole and exclusive discretion, to expel any Participant who does not meet the behavioral and/or performance standards of the Program, or whose conduct at any time or place interferes with the Program or its operations or brings discredit or reputational harm to the Program or Close Up.

3. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Participant shall be respectful in all communications and blogs related to or referencing the Program and/or Close Up, its employees, and other Participants. Participant shall not use social media outlets, blogs, or personal websites to disparage the Program, Close Up, other Participants and/or Close Up staff. Participant shall not use social media outlets, blogs, or personal web sites, to harass, bully, or intimidate other Participants or Close Up staff. Behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to, comments that are derogatory with respect to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color, or disability; sexually suggestive, humiliating, or demeaning comments; and threats to stalk, haze, or physically injure another person.

By signing this Enrollment Agreement, Participant understands and consents to this use of social media.

4. VALUABLES

Participant is advised to leave valuables at home. Close Up is not liable for lost, stolen, or damaged items or for any use of personal property, such as Participant’s cell phone, even if such use is by other program participants.

5. CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Participant understands that the Program depends on groups of students working together in various learning environments and that the use of cell phones, tablets, and/or other similar devices during such times interferes with learning opportunities. Thus, Participant shall turn off their cell phone, tablet, and/or similar devices when requested by Close Up. In addition, Participant may not record video of participants or staff without consent to do so while on the Program. Failure to comply with either of these policies is considered a violation of the Close Up respect rule set forth in Section 2(a) herein.

6. PARTICIPANT PHOTOS AND LIKENESS

Close Up anticipates broad media coverage of the Program. Participant consents to the use of, in any medium, without restriction or compensation, Participant’s name, likeness, audio, video, photograph, or quotes, including by news or media outlets, posting the same on the website or social media of either Close Up or another partner to the Program, including but not limited to, the Deliberative Democracy Lab at Stanford University, Hoover Institute, and the Generation Lab (the “Program Partners”).

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Such consent survives the term of this Enrollment Agreement and serves as consent to use such material both during and after Participant is enrolled in the Program. Participant releases and discharges Close Up, and its representatives, and assigns from any and all claims and demands relating to the use of any recordings of Participant, as may be edited or altered, or other such material, including without limitation any claims for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, defamation, or misappropriation of Participant's name, image, or likeness. Participant will not hold Close Up liable for any damages resulting from the lawful use or non-use of such material.

7. DAMAGES

Participant assumes liability and full responsibility to pay for any and all damage to Close Up property or property of any Close Up vendors such as hotels, restaurants, seminar rooms, or buses caused by Participant while on the Program. Participant will pay any and all charges for damage caused by Participant in accordance with the damaged vendor's policies. Participant acknowledges and agrees that Close Up shall have no responsibility whatsoever for any damage or loss sustained by Participant to their personal property while it is located on Close Up property or property of any Close Up vendor.

8. DIETARY NEEDS

Participant is responsible for their recurring medical treatments and medication without Close Up supervision. Participant understands that while Close Up will take reasonable measures to assist with dietary needs, Close Up cannot control or guarantee the contents of food products while on Program. Participants with dietary allergies are ultimately responsible for inspecting all food for ingredients related to the allergy.

9. AUTHORIZATION FOR SEARCH AND RETENTION

Participant authorizes and gives permission to Close Up to inspect and confiscate any and all technological devices, personal property, and Close Up-provided spaces and storage during the Program or at or during Close Up-related or sponsored events or activities. This includes but is not limited to inspection and confiscation of Participant's cell phone or a cell phone in their possession, laptops and computers, backpacks, bags, and/or other personal property brought to the Program or Close Up-related or sponsored events.

10. COST OF PROGRAM

The Program is underwritten by a nonpartisan philanthropy. This funding includes breakfast and lunch each day of program and parking costs.

11. PARTICIPATION AND STIPEND ELIGIBILITY

Participant agrees to attend all required training sessions and to participate fully in all components of the Program. Upon satisfactory completion of all program requirements, Participant will receive a stipend in the amount of \$250. Failure to meet these requirements may result in forfeiture of the stipend. Participant further agrees to fulfill all Program obligations as outlined.

12. CANCELLATION POLICY

Close Up retains the right to modify, delay, or postpone the Program as a result of unforeseeable events that are beyond Close Up's reasonable control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fire, war (whether declared or undeclared), criminal or terrorist activities or threats, insurrections, incidents of violence, actual/perceived/threatened public health issues or quarantine, actual/perceived/threatened epidemics or pandemics, strikes, government restrictions or government shutdowns, fire or severe weather conditions, or any other reason that makes it impossible or commercially unreasonable in the sole and exclusive opinion of Close Up to conduct the Program as originally contracted. If Close Up suspends or postpones the Program for any such reason, Close Up will work with all impacted groups to reschedule to a new program date.

13. COST OF PARTICIPATION IN COURT OR OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

If, as a result of Close Up's relationship with Participant or other persons interacting with Close Up and/or the Close Up community

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by virtue of their relationship with Participant, Close Up or any member of its staff is required to testify in, provide information for, or otherwise participate in a legal dispute to which Close Up is not a party, Close Up shall be entitled to recover from Participant any and all of its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in such legal action and costs incurred by Close Up as a result of the collection of documents, and/or coverage of faculty, staff, or others absent from classrooms or other Program responsibilities or other associated costs.

14. PERMISSION, ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND RELEASE

Participant understands that there are inherent risks of serious personal injury and loss, theft, or damage of personal property involved in some Activities, and Participant voluntarily assumes and accepts such risks of personal injury and loss, theft, or damage of personal property arising from Participant's participation in the Activities. Participant releases Close Up and its affiliated entities, and their respective Board of Directors, Executive Officers, volunteers, employees, and agents, from all claims, liability, and damages that Participant may have for personal injuries or property damage, loss, or theft resulting from Participant's participation in the Activities. Participant agrees that this release includes personal injury or loss, theft, or damage of personal property caused by or resulting from negligence, active or passive, of Close Up and its affiliated entities, and their respective Board of Directors, Executive Officers, volunteers, employees, and agents; however, the release does not apply to liability for gross negligence, willful injury, or fraud, and is not intended to release the Program and its affiliated entities' insurers, if any, or non-agent third parties of any responsibility for any claims that may otherwise be asserted. Participant agrees to reimburse and indemnify Close Up and its affiliated entities, and their respective Board of Directors, Executive Officers, volunteers, employees, and agents, for any costs and expenses incurred in providing for Participant's return home as well as for other services related to the special or emergency needs of Participant.

15. DISCLOSURE

Participant authorizes Close Up to share all information on Participant's application with Close Up employees or their delegates whenever helpful to performing their duties.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Enrollment Agreement represents the full and complete agreement between Close Up and Participant regarding enrollment in the Program. This Enrollment Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, agreements, terms, conditions, statements, or representations, whether written or oral, concerning the subject matter of this Enrollment Agreement.

17. ENFORCEABILITY/SEVERABILITY

In the event any provision or portion of this Enrollment Agreement is held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Enrollment Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected or invalidated thereby. If either Participant or Close Up fails to enforce any provision of this Enrollment Agreement, it does not prevent either party from enforcing that provision in the future, nor does it prevent Participant or Close Up from enforcing any other provision of this Enrollment Agreement.

18. NO AMENDMENT

This Enrollment Agreement may not be altered, amended, modified, or otherwise changed in any respect except in writing and signed by an Executive Officer of Close Up. No agent or employee of Close Up, other than its Executive Officers, has authority to modify or make any agreement contrary to the terms of this Enrollment Agreement as stated herein.

19. CHOICE OF LAW/PROVISION

This Agreement is being entered into in the District of Columbia and shall be interpreted under the laws of the District of Columbia. It is further agreed that any litigation which either Close Up or Participant may bring against the other may only be brought in a court of appropriate jurisdiction located in the District of Columbia. Participant hereby consents and agrees to the jurisdiction of those courts for such purposes.

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20. CERTIFICATION

Participant certifies that all information on this application and any attachment is correct, and agrees to advise Close Up in writing of all changes to the information that might occur between now and the Program's start date.

21. BACKGROUND CHECKS

Participant attests to have undergone a background check for criminal records, which is current and does not provide any reason to prohibit Participant from interacting with students in the Program.

By signing below, Participant agrees to enter into this Enrollment Agreement and that they have read and fully consent to the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement.