

TEMPLATE: Fac/Staff Democracy Fellowship

The RDL Faculty and Staff Democracy Fellowship supports Rutgers faculty and staff who wish to develop, pilot, or scale innovative projects that strengthen democratic culture, practice, and knowledge. Rooted in the mission of the Rutgers Democracy Lab (RDL), the Fellowship recognizes that democratic renewal occurs not only through research, but also through teaching, public engagement, institutional experimentation, and community collaboration.

The Fellowship is designed to foster interdisciplinary exchange, provide structured support for project development, and cultivate a campus-wide community of democratic practice.

Program Overview

The Fellowship provides selected Rutgers faculty and staff members with:

- Formal affiliation as **RDL Democracy Fellows**
- Structured intellectual community and peer exchange (monthly or quarterly)?
- Up to \$30,000 in project support
- Access to RDL infrastructure, partnerships, and convenings
- Opportunities to share work with public, campus, and policy audiences

Fellows pursue independent projects while contributing to a shared cohort focused on advancing democratic engagement and understanding.

Focus Areas

Projects must clearly align with one or more of the following areas:

- **Public Spaces, Arts, and Civic Life**
- **Dialogue Across Difference**
- **Technology and Democracy**
- **Public Engagement**

Projects may be single events or short series, but must be designed around meaningful participation.

Proposal for Fac/Staff Democracy Fellows

Project Overview

Title, organizers, collaborators, and audience.

Fellowship Category and Community Challenge

What issue does the project address? Why does it matter now?

Project Description

Brief (3-4 sentence) description of project goals and core ideas.

Format and Timeline

Event / program structure, dates, locations, and/or relevant logistical information

Anticipated Outcomes / Deliverables

Learning goals, engagement outcomes, or expected civic impacts?

