



Request for Proposals

iCivics is seeking three partner districts to launch the iCivics Educating for American Democracy (EAD) District Teacher Fellowship, paid for by iCivics, to build and implement an EAD-inspired middle school U.S. history curriculum localized for your district.

Overview of the iCivics EAD District Teacher Fellowship

What is [Educating for American Democracy \(EAD\)](#)?

EAD is an unprecedented effort that convened a group of over 300 scholars and educators from a diversity of viewpoints to create a *Roadmap to Educating for American Democracy*— an inquiry framework that states, local school districts, and educators can use to transform teaching of history and civics to meet the needs of a diverse 21st century K–12 student body.

This *Roadmap* is a call to action to invest in strengthening history and civic learning, and to ensure that civic learning opportunities are delivered equitably throughout the country. With the *Roadmap* now complete, we are focused on its implementation.

What is the iCivics EAD District Teacher Fellowship?

iCivics, in partnership with three school districts from across the country, is launching an Educating for American Democracy (EAD) District Fellowship for middle school teachers. The activities under this fellowship, including teacher stipends, will be at no cost to the participating districts.

At the District level, here is what the fellowship opportunity entails:

- Each participating district will be asked to include **six teacher fellows**.
- The teacher fellows' role will be to "localize" a teacher-created, generalized curriculum of eight U.S. History units that merge inquiry and project-based learning by asking students to demonstrate their knowledge by producing a project or product that can be shared beyond their teacher. The teacher fellows will be expected to "localize" the eight units by aligning them with their state standards, regional and local history, and district and student needs.
- Concurrently, teacher fellows will implement the units in their classrooms. They will be expected to capture learnings, which will include teacher reflection, student surveys, and more, to see what works and what doesn't. This information will be consolidated and shared to revise the districts' curriculum so that the final product is a teacher-built and teacher-tested curriculum.

- *The teacher fellows will be compensated \$4000 each and the district's social studies department will be a partner in all our work. We can also offer each district a stipend for a part-time (10 hours or less a week) district project manager.*

As a Community of Practice, here is how the participating Districts will work together:

- Nationally, there will be **three EAD Districts Fellowships** taking place at the same time.
- These three fellowship cohorts will make up a national Community of Practice. Although each fellowship cohort will ultimately end up with their own localized curriculum, teachers and district leaders from across the nation will be learning together about what students, teachers, and districts need to create and implement a rich, rigorous civics and history curriculum to share with their colleagues in their state and across the country.

This fellowship will launch in **late summer 2022 and extend throughout the 2022–23 school year.**

This fellowship will be funded by iCivics and more information about the partnership is available here. For more information or to schedule a brief meeting, please email Christina Ross (christina.ross@icivics.org).

District Qualifications

iCivics invites districts that **want or need** the following to apply submit an RFP:

1. A full-year, EAD-inspired, teacher-created, localized US history curriculum for your district;
2. To increase and grow opportunities for teachers to be leaders; and
3. To be part of a diverse, nationwide Community of Practice.

Submission of Proposals

To apply, please complete [this Google form](#), which includes a space for you to upload a signed letter of commitment from your district's Superintendent. The application should not take more than twenty minutes to complete.

iCivics reserves the right to accept proposals, or to reject all proposals, at its sole discretion.

Timeline

- Deadline to submit a proposal: Friday, January 28, 2022 by midnight eastern.
- District interviews: February 7 thru February 18
- District notifications: Friday, February 25
- Completed MOUs: April 2, 2022

