

Student Strategy Team - Info Sheet

What is an SST?

A Student Strategy Team (SST) is a small team of students assigned to each Fellow who help them throughout the semester by researching for their discussion groups, promoting their sessions and speaking events, connecting them with other student groups and the rest of the campus community, and helping to drive the discussion group series.

What skills will I pick up by joining an SST?

- Gain leadership experience and engage in civil dialogue
- Practice collaboration and communication
- Learn graphic design and marketing skills
- Engage with different policy topics
- Build meaningful relationships with your teammates and Fellow

What could an average week look like as an SST member?

- Weekly team meetings with you and your Fellow, strengthening your teamwork skills
- Strategizing creative ways for your Fellow to engage with the campus community
- Designing a weekly flyer to highlight your Fellow's discussion group
- One on one time with your Fellow discussing your life on campus, career aspirations and more
- Strengthening your communication and outreach skills by partnering and engaging with different groups around campus
- Supporting conversations in your discussion groups by engaging different voices in the room
- Building relationships throughout the GU Politics community and fulfilling GU Politics' mission of bringing together voices of all perspectives to discuss important issues in politics and public service

What are discussion groups?

- Discussion groups are open to the entire campus community and last for a period of 8 weeks. Signing up for discussion groups is not a requirement to attend.
- These are off-the-record conversations with the Fellows which foster unfiltered dialogue and create spaces for all voices to be heard.
- These are not lectures! Discussion groups are meant to be dialogue which the Fellow guides through discussion of current political events, case studies, and even simulations!
- Some of our Fellows invite really cool guest speakers like Greg Schultz (Biden's 2020 Campaign Manager), Senator Katie Britt (R-AL), and Randy Jackson (American Idol, Name That Tune)!
- Each discussion is 90 minutes long and takes place in the GU Politics Living Room (Healy G-18)

What does the application process look like?

- Due to the high interest in this program, an application is required. There are other leadership opportunities available within GU Politics that do not require an application.
- Fill out the application and submit by deadline.
- Applicants will have the option to indicate which Fellow(s) they would like to work with.
 - **In order to be matched with a Fellow, you must be able to attend all their discussion groups.**
 - Applicants will be considered for all Fellows regardless of their preference.
- If your application is selected, you will be invited to interview with GU Politics staff the week after the application deadline.
- Notification of placement will be shared within a week of the application deadline.

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