

Seeking Applicants for Civic Series Fellowship Program 2021

<p><u>Location:</u> Philadelphia, PA and Boston, MA</p> <p><u>Type:</u> Part-Time Fellowship with stipend</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> Temporary; two years with possible extension</p> <p><u>Time commitment:</u> Approx. 15 hours/month</p>
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Civic Series is welcoming applications for its 2021 Fellowship, opening in the fall of 2021 in Philadelphia, PA and Boston, MA.

About Civic Series

Started in 2015, Civic Series (<http://civicseries.org>) is a non-partisan, volunteer-led event series that helps adults understand and have meaningful conversations about the most important issues of our time. At our free events, attendees learn context and common viewpoints on a topic from nonpartisan experts; ask questions in a judgement-free zone; and build confidence discussing complex current events. Our topics are local, national and global, including US healthcare policy, climate change, blockchain, North Korea, and many others. Different from university lectures and talks run by advocacy groups, our events are designed for busy, working adults seeking help navigating these complicated issues, without being told what to think.

Civic Series leadership teams have run over 50 free public events in Boston; Toronto; Chicago; Philadelphia; Burlington, VT; Austin; and virtually, with speakers from MIT, Harvard, Brookings Institute, University of Texas at Austin, University of Pennsylvania, University of Nevada, University of Toronto, and many others.

About the Fellowship

Civic Series is launching two-year, part-time fellowships in Boston, MA and Philadelphia, PA (one Fellow per city) to organize and deliver Civic Series events. Building upon existing Civic Series networks and resources, each Fellow will recruit and lead a local volunteer team that together will produce 6-12 events annually in their city. With their team and with support from Civic Series national, Fellows will drive topic selection, speaker outreach, marketing, partnership development and event coordination. Over the two-year program, the Fellow will be trained and grow valuable leadership skills in these areas, especially volunteer management, event moderation, communications, nonpartisan engagement, and organizational partnerships.

This is a two-year, part-time Fellowship requiring approximately five hours per week over 48 weeks a year. Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$3,600, an event budget (e.g. advertising, food), and a small professional development budget (e.g. for attending networking events).

Seeking Applicants

The fellowship welcomes applications from those in either the Greater Boston or Philadelphia area who are intensely curious about the world they live in, passionate about issue literacy and nonpartisan civic discussion, and want to deepen their civic engagement and impact on their community.

Our ideal applicant is someone who:

- **Is all about the mission.** Fellows put their personal politics aside so that the events can be safe, nonpartisan spaces for attendees across the political spectrum to learn and discuss.
- **Knows how to make things happen.** Fellows are energetic organizers excited to pick up and run with our well-tested model.
- **Is a people-person.** Fellows are excited to create opportunities for people: expanding attendees' understanding of the world, and helping volunteers direct their passion toward making a difference for others.
- **Thrives in entrepreneurial environments.** Fellows are excited to take a good thing and grow it with us.

Fellows must be located in either the Greater Boston or Philadelphia areas to apply.

To apply, email laur@civicseries.org with a resume, your social media handles (if any) and a cover letter that includes your goals for the fellowship, why you are a strong candidate, what questions you have about the program, and something that you've been curious about lately.

Welcoming applications until positions are filled.

The Civic Series team wishes to extend its gratitude to the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation for supporting the 2021-2023 Boston Fellowship program.