

Connecticut Council for the Social Studies

Early-Career Fellowship Program



Guided by CCSS's commitment to advancing social studies education in Connecticut, this year-long fellowship connects early-career teachers with experienced mentors to build strong, inclusive, and innovative social studies classrooms across our state.

Early-Career Teachers (Years 1-5)

Who Should Apply

- Teachers in years 1–5
- Currently teaching social studies (K–12) in Connecticut
- Committed to growing their instructional practice

What Fellows Do

- Participate in monthly virtual meetings OR two in-person workshops
- Collaborate with a veteran social studies mentor
- Develop a capstone project or presentation
- Engage in curriculum alignment and instructional growth

Professional Learning Focus

- Connecticut Social Studies Standards
- Supporting diverse learners
- Inclusive and culturally responsive practices
- Instructional innovation and technology integration

What Fellows Receive

- Individualized mentorship
- Professional recognition upon completion
- Access to CCSS professional network and resources
- Free registration to the CCSS Annual Conference

Mentors

(5+ Years Experience)

Who Should Apply

- 5+ years teaching social studies
- Current member of the Connecticut Council for the Social Studies
- Experience in grades K–12
- Passionate about supporting new teachers

Mentor Responsibilities

- Provide guidance and encouragement
- Support lesson planning and curriculum alignment
- Share inclusive and culturally responsive strategies
- Participate in monthly meetings or workshops
- Support a fellow's capstone project

Why Serve as a Mentor?

- \$500 stipend
- Free registration to the CCSS Annual Conference
- Professional recognition
- Expand your professional network
- Strengthen social studies instruction statewide

Apply or Nominate a Fellow:

<https://forms.gle/vepoN6gsL8tZfy5s7>



Apply to be a Mentor:

<https://forms.gle/NbyTiM6zT5kGPGkr7>



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