



# THE ROOSEVELT INSTITUTION

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## Roosevelt Institution — Overview of Annual Activities

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Each summer, the national student membership of the Roosevelt Institution meets to select three pressing policy challenges. This school year, Roosevelt's members have selected to community development — creating physical infrastructure such as housing, transportation, buildings, and public space that supports progressive human and economic infrastructure; improving our democracy through voting, campaign finance, and election reform; and building a justice system that treats individuals fairly and makes our communities stronger.

Over the sixteen months following the challenge selection, Roosevelt's student membership works to solve these three challenges through a series of research projects, conferences, publications, and presentations.

As a first step, students in the Roosevelt Summer Research College prepare background research on the three new challenge areas. This research introduces students to the various dimensions of the problem, its sources, barriers to the implementation of currently proposed solutions, and promising approaches. The Summer Research College presents this research to the conference of chapter leaders in Hyde Park, NY at the end of the summer, allowing the leaders to plan their chapters' response to the challenges in the coming year.

During the fall, students use the Summer Research College background to find good ideas for solving a challenge. The search takes them to classes and extracurricular activities, and they hold hundreds of brainstorming meetings in their chapters and in cooperation with community organizations, campus groups, and local legislators and experts.

During the winter and spring, students come together for a series of regional policy conferences. Students present their proposed solutions, and those presentations are rated by a panel of policy experts, professors, and elected officials.

As the spring comes to a close, Roosevelt's editorial board collects the best ideas developed over the course of the year and publishes them in three issues, which together form the *25 Ideas* volume. *25 Ideas* is distributed through a variety of venues: in one-on-one meetings with state legislators and members of Congress, to advocacy groups, to Roosevelt's advisors and donors, and to the chapters, which distribute to their partners and local representatives. The goal of Roosevelt publications is to spark new ideas, discussions, and legislative projects around the country as a result of student work.

Over the summer, even as the Summer Research College prepares next year's background research, promotion of the ideas continues with legislative meetings and presentations at Roosevelt's annual Policy Expo in DC. Students also present longer, in-depth research in Roosevelt's annual research journal, the *Roosevelt Review*, which is released at the end of the summer.