

Dear Prospective Speaking Fellow,

We are thrilled you're applying! First, let us clarify what it means to be a part of the Speaking Fellows Program.

Speaking Fellows believe speaking involves a series of rhetorical choices regarding vocal presentation, organization of ideas, response to audience, and physical affect. Through the Speaking Center and our attached class program, Speaking Fellows create learning environments that empower students to explore, question, and reflect on their speaking and listening skills. Crucial to being a Speaking Fellow is being able to outline and implement clear teaching plans, explain and simplify large concepts, and to be able to adapt workshops to meet the needs of various students or groups of students. In addition, Speaking Fellows have excellent leadership, team-building, and interpersonal skills, as we work collaboratively among ourselves, with other students and, occasionally, with professors.

Speaking Fellows come from a variety of backgrounds, not all related to public speaking. Whatever your relationship to public speaking is, know that being a Speaking Fellow is about having a genuine investment in seeing peers succeed. Through one-on-one appointments or group workshops in the Speaking Center and through attached class partnerships, students can receive support from Speaking Fellows in areas such as classroom presentations and participation, interviews, debates, negotiation, personal narratives, advocacy and activism, and methods for active listening.

After being accepted into the Program, you are required to enroll in Rhetorical Choices, a semester-long, 4-credit training course in the Fall. Rhetorical Choices combines the study of theoretical texts with speaking practice and peer-to-peer coaching. It usually takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings with an additional lab component usually on Fridays.

Upon graduating from the training course, Speaking Fellows earn a stipend at the rate of \$16/hr. The application is due Friday, March 12th at 5pm EST. To apply follow this link: [Become a Speaking Fellow](#). If you have any questions about the application process or Speaking Program, email speaking@barnard.edu or make an appointment with a Speaking Fellow <https://speaking.mywconline.com/>.

Sincerely,

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