

**We the Teachers
FAQ**

If you've got questions about our Williamsburg program:

Question	Answer
What is We the Teachers?	We the Teachers: Preparing the Next Generation Through History & Civics is a national fellowship that brings together 100 educators from across the United States to explore history, civics, inquiry-based teaching, and public history through collaboration with historians, museums, and fellow educators.
When should I arrive in Williamsburg?	Please plan to arrive on Sunday, July 26. Check-in at West Woods Residence Hall will be open from 2:00–4:00 PM ET, and our opening celebration begins at 4:30 PM. West Woods Residence Hall: 605 Ukrop Way, Williamsburg, VA
When does the fellowship end?	Check-out from West Woods Residence Hall is between 12:45-1:30pm ET on Thursday, July 30. Closing ceremonies conclude by 12:30 PM ET, so please plan return travel accordingly.
Where will I stay?	Delegates will stay in West Woods Residence Hall on William & Mary's campus. All participants will have single-occupancy rooms, and room and board are provided at no cost.
Can I arrive early or stay late?	Unfortunately, William & Mary cannot extend housing beyond the fellowship dates. Delegates should plan to arrive on July 26 and depart on July 30. If you'd like to book your own hotel room to extend your stay before or after the fellowship, you can find hotels with discounted prices through this W&M website: https://www.wm.edu/about/visiting/lodging/
What is provided in my residence hall room?	Rooms include a flat sheet, fitted sheet, pillowcase, blanket, a pillow, bath towel, and washcloth.

Which airport should I fly into?	The closest airports are Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport (PHF) (~25 minutes away), Richmond International Airport (RIC) (~1 hour away), and Norfolk International Airport (ORF) (~1 hour away). Amtrak also serves Williamsburg directly.
How do I get from the airport to campus?	Delegates are responsible for arranging transportation to William & Mary. Ride-share services are readily available from nearby airports and the Williamsburg Amtrak station.
Will transportation be provided during the fellowship?	Yes. Once you arrive on campus, transportation to fellowship activities and sites will be provided. No additional travel arrangements are needed during the week.
Is parking available?	Yes. Delegates who drive will receive a temporary guest parking pass before arrival.
What should I wear?	Dress comfortably and professionally. Most days include both indoor sessions and outdoor site visits. Comfortable walking shoes are essential, and business casual attire is appropriate throughout the fellowship.
What should I pack?	We recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes, a water bottle, umbrella, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and layers for air-conditioned indoor spaces. July in Virginia is typically hot and humid. Additionally, a laptop or iPad or some internet-connecting device may come in handy :) !
Are there any special items I should bring?	Yes! Please bring one artifact that represents you, your community, or your state and a t-shirt or hat that includes your state or school district name. These will be used during community-building activities.
What will we be doing during the week?	Delegates will visit Jamestown Settlement, Colonial Williamsburg, the Virginia Museum of History & Culture, and St. John's Church, while also participating in workshops, discussions, and presentations from historians and educators.

Who are some of the featured historians and speakers?	Fellows will learn from historians and educators including Dr. Emily Sneff, Dr. Jane Kamensky, Dr. Hasan Jeffries, and Dr. Yohuru Williams.
Will there be a lot of walking?	Yes. Several days include outdoor site visits and walking tours. Comfortable footwear is strongly recommended.
What learning will I complete before arriving?	Delegates will complete online learning through lilyPD , including courses on Historical Inquiry, Civil Discourse, and The American Revolution Through 1776.
Do I need to complete the online courses before the fellowship?	Yes. The online coursework is designed to provide a common foundation for the in-person experience and should be completed before arriving in Williamsburg.
Will meals be provided?	Yes. Room and board are included as part of the fellowship. Delegates will receive additional information about meal options and boxed lunches before the event.
What are Chesapeake Creature Crews?	Chesapeake Creature Crews are your small fellowship groups. You'll meet with your crew throughout the week for discussions, reflections, and collaborative activities.
How can I connect with other delegates before July?	Delegates may complete the optional connection form to share contact information, travel plans, and connect with other participants before arriving in Williamsburg.
What is a Local Learning Community?	After the fellowship, delegates will share their learning with educators in their home communities. This may take the form of workshops, presentations, PLC meetings, or other professional learning opportunities. Our goal is for each delegate to connect with at least 15 educators through this work.
Will I continue to have access to resources after the fellowship?	Yes. Delegates will leave with classroom-ready resources and continued access to support from the We the Teachers and William & Mary teams.

Where do I fill out the form for boxed lunches?	Here!
Where can I drop photos/video from my experience?	Here!
Where is the sheet where we can drop all of our contact info for other delegates?	Here!
Where are the slide decks for our WtT webinars?	April slide deck June 2 slide deck
Where is the link for the WtT folder?	Here!
Who should I contact if I have questions?	Members of the William & Mary Strategic Cultural Partnerships team and the National Council for History Education team are available to support delegates before, during, and after the fellowship. Regina Holland: regina@ncheteach.org Shauna Liverotti: shauna@ncheteach.org

If you've got questions about lilyPD:

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What is lilyPD ?	lilyPD is William & Mary's online professional learning platform for K-12 educators. Through We the Teachers, delegates will use lilyPD to complete coursework, access resources, and continue their learning beyond the in-person fellowship.

How do I access lilyPD?	Visit lilypd.wm.edu and log in using the account information you created during onboarding. If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the We the Teachers team.
Do I need to complete courses before arriving in Williamsburg?	Yes. Delegates are expected to complete either Civil Discourse or Historical Inquiry before coming to Williamsburg and the “Horizon of Independence” course (live on June 15).
Which courses will I complete?	Delegates will complete courses on Historical Inquiry in the Classroom or Civil Discourse in the Classroom, and The American Revolution Through 1776. These courses introduce key ideas, content, and instructional strategies that will be explored throughout the fellowship.
When will the American Revolution course be available?	The American Revolution Through 1776 course will be available beginning June 15.
How long do the courses take to complete?	Most delegates can expect to spend approximately 3–6 hours per course, though completion time varies depending on reading pace and engagement with optional resources.
Do I need to complete the courses in a specific order?	We recommend completing the courses in the order they are assigned, as each course helps build knowledge and skills that support later learning experiences.
Will I earn certificates for completing the courses?	Yes. Delegates will receive certificates documenting their professional learning through lilyPD. Additional information about professional development hours will be shared during the fellowship.
Will I still have access to lilyPD after the fellowship ends?	Yes. Delegates will continue to have access to lilyPD resources and courses after the fellowship, allowing you to revisit content and continue your professional learning.
Are the resources in lilyPD classroom-ready?	Yes. Courses include lesson ideas, instructional strategies, primary sources, discussion protocols, and other

	classroom-ready materials that can be adapted for a variety of grade levels and settings.
Can I share lilyPD resources with colleagues?	Absolutely. We encourage delegates to use resources from lilyPD as part of their Local Learning Community work and to share appropriate materials with colleagues in their schools and districts.
Will new content be added to lilyPD during the fellowship year?	Yes. Delegates may receive access to additional courses, resources, webinars, and professional learning opportunities throughout the year as part of the We the Teachers network.
What if I fall behind on the coursework?	If you encounter challenges completing the coursework, please reach out to the We the Teachers team as soon as possible. We're happy to help and want all delegates to arrive prepared for the in-person experience.