



## Spring 2013 Dialogue Participant Application Military-Civilian Dialogue

*This dialogue is designed for a diverse group from the military and civilian communities to come together to exchange experiences and ideas, reduce stereotypes, and brainstorm ways to improve military-civilian relations at AU and beyond. Facilitators offer a safe space for participants to express their opinions openly, ask one another questions, and move past the blanket statements that cause misconceptions around this topic. It is not set up to be an academic debate, so no prior studying or knowledge is necessary. The topics we cover are largely decided by the participants.*

First Name (Preferred Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Apt. Number)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*The following information is used to facilitate placement and form a balanced dialogue group. Please answer as completely as you are comfortable knowing that DDG's goal is to create groups with extensive diversity. Information provided will be kept confidential when used for statistical purposes toward program development.*

Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion/Spirituality: \_\_\_\_\_ National Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Political Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

AU Status:  First Year  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Grad 1<sup>st</sup> Year  Grad 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  Law  PhD

AU Alum  Staff (position & dept.): \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program and School: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an International Student?  Yes  No

If not an international student, have you ever lived outside the United States?  Yes  No

If yes, where and how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or any of your family members served in the military?  Yes (Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  No

Have you applied before to participate in a DDG dialogue?  Yes  No

If yes, were you placed in a dialogue?  Yes (Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  No

Are you participating in the dialogue as part of a class this semester?  Yes  No

If yes, which class? \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any support services you may need: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in learning about dialogue facilitation in the future?  Yes  No  Not Sure



I understand that this is a **5-week commitment**, and I commit to participate in **all the scheduled dialogues**. We hope to accept all applicants, but due to space restrictions submission of your application does not guarantee placement in the dialogue group.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to SIS or to [ddg@american.edu](mailto:ddg@american.edu) by Monday, February 18th.**

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# *Dialogue Development Group*



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## ***What is Dialogue?***

There are different definitions of dialogue, but DDG defines it as a guided conversation where people from different backgrounds can speak from their own experiences in an exchange of ideas with others. This helps people find common ground with individuals they might not otherwise talk to, while also learning about their own identity. Unlike debate, dialoguers listen to understand, not to prove a point or convince others of our points of view. There is no emphasis on winning, but rather on learning, collaboration and on creating new and shared understanding.

## ***Who are we?***

The Dialogue Development Group (DDG) is a student-led joint project of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion and the International Peace and Conflict Resolution Program at American University. Our mission is to build community, heal divisions, create new knowledge, and promote civic engagement through the development of dialogue programs at AU. We strive to identify and respond to issues that matter to members of our local and global community by creating a constructive space for dialogue.

To learn more about DDG, please e-mail [ddg@american.edu](mailto:ddg@american.edu) or visit

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