Elon National Teaching Fellows Overview

Combine your passion for learning and your dedication to education in Elon’s Teaching Fellows program. Elon’s outstanding teacher education curriculum has produced national and state Teachers of the Year and is the perfect place for students who yearn to improve their world by sharing knowledge. The Teaching Fellows program emphasizes a solid classroom learning experience led by supportive faculty mentors coupled with an intensive list of special learning opportunities. The program also includes field trips to exemplary North Carolina schools (including a bilingual school and an education center for children with special needs), a lecture/seminar series, a tutoring service component, and social activities. By the time you graduate, you’ll enter your own classroom with a wealth of ideas, and confidence in your own abilities.

In addition, as an Elon Teaching Fellow, you will have the opportunity of a lifetime to experience three distinctive travel components which represent the uniqueness of Elon’s Teaching Fellows program. Transverse the Eastern Seaboard on a freshman year winter term course to U.S. cities steeped in history, such as Philadelphia and Boston. Then spend the spring semester of your sophomore year abroad in London or Costa Rica, taking courses and interning in local schools. A Winter Term in Washington, D.C. allows you to explore the internal workings of federal government and attend unique seminars at The Washington Center during your junior year.

What to expect as a Teaching Fellow over the next four years: (See timeline on next page as well.)

Freshman Year—Teaching Fellows participate in a three-week travel course during the winter term of freshman year. Through readings, discussions, and visits to historic sites, Fellows learn about selected major turning points, issues and actors in U.S. history. You will grapple with the contested nature of historical interpretation and identify many of the driving forces that have caused change and influenced Americans’ experiences. Get real classroom experience early and often. You will begin observing veteran teachers and tutoring students in local schools.

Sophomore Year—Elon Teaching Fellows spend the spring semester of their sophomore year studying abroad! Fellows can choose between London, England or San Jose, Costa Rica or in another country if they are a foreign language major. Take note of similarities and differences in the teaching systems as you construct a repertoire of creative teaching methods through interning at local public or private schools. Elon pays for airfare, and Fellows pay regular tuition, fees, and room charges.

Junior Year—During the winter term of junior year, Teaching Fellows participate in a two-week leadership experience at The Washington Center in Washington, D.C. This course focuses on the relationship between the media and the presidency, and analyzes the challenges that the new president has faced related to Congress and setting policy priorities. Learn from prime-time reporters, White House personnel and politicians. The course involves lectures by media and presidential experts, reading and writing assignments, site visits and active participation in a discussion group.

Senior Year—Step into your own classroom as you complete a student teaching experience with a veteran instructor who will serve as a mentor. All that you’ve learned at Elon, in seminars, and study abroad, will provide the framework for your lessons.

Scholarships

Teaching Fellows receive a $6,500 Elon University scholarship, renewable annually as long as the student remains a Fellow in good standing. Elon will admit at least one national Teaching Fellow for fall 2010.

Note: Music education majors must also complete an audition in conjunction with admission to Elon.

Alumna Quote: Amy Johnson, a Teaching Fellow, Greensboro, N.C.

“On our journey from teacher candidates to professionals, we’ve grown together to become teachers who value both diversity and democracy through the American education system. I’ve learned the importance of thinking about my own culture, valuing the cultures of others, and teaching in a manner that makes learning relevant to the unique cultures of my students.”
### Elon Teaching Fellows Timeline

#### Freshman Year

**Fall**
- Orientation to Program & Handbook
- Challenge Course
- Welcome Back Picnic
- Class Elections
- Determine if Praxis (PPST) is required
- Education Faculty Dinner
- Reception with Elon University President
- Fall Social
- Field Trip to Innovative School
- Preparation for HST 241
- Fall Convocation
- Attend cultural event(s)
- Portfolio Reflection Paper

**Winter**
- HST 241: American History Study Tour
- Must have 2.5 GPA for Study Abroad

**Spring**
- Complete first 10 hours of tutoring
- Complete EDU 211, School and Society
- Apply to Teacher Education Program
- Attend cultural event(s)
- Spring Convocation
- Field Trip to Innovative School
- Portfolio Reflection Paper
- Complete application for Study Abroad

#### Sophomore Year

**Fall**
- Complete second 10 hours of tutoring
- Welcome Back Picnic
- Class Elections
- Foreign Language Majors: Complete application for Study Abroad
- Fall Social
- Complete departmental screening for Teacher Education
- Field Trip to Innovative School
- Fall Convocation
- Attend cultural event(s)
- Portfolio Reflection Paper
- Preparation for Study Abroad
- Required before Study Abroad semester:
  - 2.5 GPA
  - Completed 20 hours of tutoring
  - Admitted into Teacher Education*

*Participate in teacher induction ceremony this fall or in fall of junior year

**Spring**
- Study Abroad in London, Costa Rica or in another country if Foreign Language major
- Education Practicum in “local” school

#### Junior Year

**Fall**
- Welcome Back Picnic
- Class Elections
- Fall Social
- Fall Convocation
- Attend cultural event(s)
- Portfolio Reflection Paper

**Winter**
- POL 376 The Washington Center Seminar (Washington, DC)

**Spring**
- Attend cultural event(s)
- Spring Convocation
- Field Trip to Innovative School

#### Senior Year

**Fall**
- Welcome Back Picnic
- Class Elections
- Fall Social
- Fall Convocation
- Attend cultural event(s)
- Portfolio Reflection Paper
- Take Specialty Area Praxis II if Elementary or Special Education*

**Spring**
- Student Teaching
- Apply for Elon graduation
- Complete requirements for licensure
- Senior Picnic/Medallion Award Ceremony
- Leaders of 21st Century Event