

# HOW TO APPLY FOR THE Elon Fellows Programs

## Step 1:

### Apply for admission to Elon.

Complete and submit an Elon University Freshman Admission application, along with the U.S. \$50 application fee, official high school transcript, official SAT or ACT (with Writing) scores, the completed Counselor Evaluation Form and TOEFL/IELTS scores (if you're an international student) no later than the following dates:

**EARLY DECISION:** November 1

**EARLY ACTION:** November 10

**FINAL DEADLINE:** January 10

You can apply online at [elon.edu/admissions](http://elon.edu/admissions).

**Note: Students who apply for and are accepted to the Fellows Program and the Elon Gap Semester Program must choose to participate in only one program. Each program has a specific schedule and curriculum that precludes participation in both.**

**No Fellows application will be considered if a freshman admission application and all required supporting documents are not submitted by Jan. 10.**

## Step 2:

**Complete and submit a Fellows application no later than Jan. 10 for all programs except International Fellows. International Fellows will be selected based upon their admission application.**

The Elon Fellows application is available online at [elon.edu/fellows](http://elon.edu/fellows).

For **Honors, Elon College, Business, Communications, Teaching and Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows**: submit the Fellows application postmarked no later than Jan. 10.

**An application for any Elon Fellows Program (except International Fellows) must include:**

*Fellows application with all data completed on the form.*

*Essay corresponding to each Fellows Program to which you are applying.*

**Elon Engineering Scholarships:** a separate application is necessary. The Engineering application can be downloaded at [elon.edu/fellows](http://elon.edu/fellows) or you may contact the Admissions Office to have one mailed to you. The application must be postmarked no later than Jan. 10.

## If You Are an International Student:

**Students who are non-U.S. citizens or dual citizens (who are enrolled in a non-English based curriculum outside of the U.S.) are eligible for the International Fellows Program. International Fellows will be selected based upon their admissions application.**

All International Fellows candidates will be reviewed by a faculty committee. If you are a finalist, you will be invited to interview via Skype or telephone. Candidates will be interviewed mid-March. From this competition, students will be selected and notified by April 1.

Students eligible for the International Fellows Program may also apply for **one school-based (Business, Elon College, Communications or Teaching Fellows) and one non-school-based (Honors or Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows) program in addition to the International Fellows Program if they so desire.** You may not apply to two school-based programs because you are required to major in a field within the sponsoring school. If you apply to two additional programs, be sure to rank your choices.

Students who apply for additional Fellows Program(s) and are selected to compete for a program other than International Fellows will not be required to interview again. If you applied for freshman admission under the final deadline decision period, you will receive a decision about your admission status no later than March 1.

**Complete freshman application:** February 15

**Interview invitation:** March 1

**Phone/Skype interviews:** mid-March

**Award notification:** April 1

**Please note that if selected by multiple Fellows Programs, you may participate in only one Fellows Program.**

## How should I decide which program(s) to apply for?

**Fellows Programs are primarily school-based, so you should be planning to major in a field within the school sponsoring the Fellows Program.** The exceptions are Honors Fellows and Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows, which are for students in any major except engineering. Students who are undecided about a major typically apply to Honors Fellows if they wish to pursue the thesis option or to Elon College Fellows due to the breadth of majors offered in the arts and sciences.

It is important to note that students who plan to major in engineering have a very specific three-year curriculum, which precludes participation in any of the Fellows Programs with the exception of the International Fellows Program. Engineering candidates should apply for the scholarships associated only with that major.

## For how many programs may I apply?

Students may apply for a maximum of two programs (only one may be school-based). Because the Honors and Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows Programs are not school-based, you may apply to both of these, or to one of them in combination with a school-based program. However, you may participate in only one Fellows Program. You may not apply to two school-based programs because you are required to major in a field within the school sponsoring the program. For example, you may not apply to both the Communications Fellows and the Business Fellows because they are in two different schools. If you apply to two programs, be sure to list your first and second choice.

Candidates selected to compete for Honors or Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows will be required to have a recommendation submitted on their behalf prior to the competition weekend. Further information regarding the format of these required recommendations will be shared with students when they are invited to interview.

## What happens after I apply?

All Fellows applications are reviewed after Jan. 10. Finalists for each program are selected by faculty committees. If you are a finalist, you will be invited one month in advance to attend Fellows & Scholarship Weekend, March 2–3, 2012. If you applied under the final deadline decision period, you will receive a decision about your freshman admission status at the time of invitation to Fellows & Scholarship Weekend.

The Fellows competition includes attending a seminar and writing a response, an interview with faculty and information sessions about the Fellows Programs. From this competition, Fellows are selected and notified by April 1.

## Mark your calendar! Fellows & Scholarship Weekend

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 2-3, 2012

**If you are invited to Fellows & Scholarship Weekend, you do not need to attend one of Elon's Spring Orientation weekends.** Please wait until you receive notification about your Fellows application to make reservations for an orientation program. Fellows & Scholarship Weekend includes many of the same activities as Spring Orientation, such as campus and residence hall tours. Of course, you may attend both Fellows and orientation weekend if that is your preference.

# The Elon University Fellows Programs Application

For Students Entering Fall 2012

Honors Fellows  
Elon College Fellows (*the College of Arts and Sciences*)  
Teaching Fellows  
Business Fellows  
Communications Fellows  
Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST/GIVEN MIDDLE LAST/FAMILY/SURNAME PREFERRED

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Skype name (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ High/Secondary School \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended Major(s):** (If undecided, print "undecided" and at least two majors in which you have interest.)

In order to be considered for a school-based Fellows Program, you must plan to pursue a major housed within that program's school. Visit [elon.edu/admissions](http://elon.edu/admissions) for a list of majors.

**Students may apply for a maximum of two programs, only one may be school-based.**

**According to preference, numerically rank the programs to which you are applying (#1 being your top choice):**

**School-based programs:**

- \_\_\_ Business
- \_\_\_ Elon College
- \_\_\_ Communications
- \_\_\_ Teaching

**Non-school-based programs:**

- \_\_\_ Honors
- \_\_\_ Leadership

**Jane Macon Baird Pre-medical Scholarships:** Honors, Elon College and Leadership Fellows applicants planning to attend medical school may also apply for the Jane M. Baird Pre-medical Scholarships. Two scholarships of \$3,000 will be awarded. A separate essay, described on page 5 of this application, is required. Baird recipients are named at the time Fellows awards are offered.

Please consider me for a Baird Scholarship.

**Honors Fellows applicants:** Candidates selected to compete for Honors Fellows will be required to have a teacher recommendation submitted on their behalf prior to the competition weekend, March 2–3, 2012. Recommendations must clearly state your name at the top and that you are being recommended for the Elon University Honors Fellows Program. All Honors recommendations must be mailed to the attention of Sonya Sienerth, Admissions data and research manager, 2700 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244 USA.

**Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows applicants:** Candidates selected to compete for Leadership Fellows will be required to have a recommendation submitted on their behalf. Download the form at [www.elon.edu/leadershipapp](http://www.elon.edu/leadershipapp). Please bring the completed form and recommendation letter with you to the competition weekend, March 2–3, 2012. If the candidate will not be attending Fellows Weekend, please send form and recommendation postmarked by March 1, 2012, to the attention of Steven Mencarini, director of Center for Leadership, 2990 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244 USA.



**WORK EXPERIENCE**

If you have work experience, please list jobs you have had and your major responsibilities.

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**FELLOWS ESSAY**

Be sure to answer the specific question for each of the programs to which you are applying. Your essay should be approximately 500 words, typed or printed, and mailed to the address below. Respond thoughtfully. Your answers and your achievements will form the basis of a decision to invite you to Fellows Weekend and for admission into a program. You must complete the appropriate essay(s) for the program(s) to which you are applying. The application and essay must be submitted at the same time on or before January 10, 2012.

**Honors Fellows and Elon College Fellows:** Explain how your personal beliefs, values, and attitudes have been shaped by specific aspects of the cultural context in which you've lived. How have particular social and historical circumstances in which you've grown up influenced the person you are today?

**Teaching Fellows:** Today's teachers are charged to prepare students to be "future-ready" – globally competitive in the job market and prepared for life in the 21st century. How would you see yourself preparing "future-ready" students? What kinds of knowledge, skills and attitudes would you try to instill in your students to prepare them to be "future-ready?"

**Business Fellows:** What do you believe are the most pressing problems facing today's economic and business environment? Describe why you have decided to major in a field in business or economics and why you think you will be successful in light of the problems you have identified.

**Communications Fellows:** What experiences have you had or what special characteristics do you have that will distinguish you from your peers in the School of Communications? What do you plan to accomplish in college to prepare yourself for a career in communications? Include in your essay a discussion of how the media will change in upcoming years and how you will prepare yourself for these changes.

**Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows:** How do you define leadership and how have your leadership experiences shaped your definition? Why are you applying to the program?

**Jane M. Baird Pre-medical Scholarship Essay:** Why do you wish to be a physician? How has your service to others impacted you and your desire for a career in the medical field?



Applications for all Fellows Programs other than International Fellows **must** be postmarked no later than January 10, 2012. Please mail this application (with attached essay) to:

**Elon University Office of Admissions and Financial Planning  
2700 Campus Box  
Elon, NC 27244 USA**

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Admissions, 800-334-8448 (international: 001-336-278-3566), or email fellows@elon.edu.