

TRUITT CENTER
for Religious & Spiritual Life
ELON UNIVERSITY

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Student Program Intern in the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life during the 2009-2010 academic year.

As a Program Intern, you will be asked to work closely with the Truitt Center staff and other student Interns to plan and promote each aspect of your program area. Positions are for one academic year and students may reapply for a second year. **Student Interns should consider these positions as their primary leadership roles on campus and a top priority in their schedules.**

To qualify for one of these positions, an undergraduate student must be, and remain in, good academic standing during the time of their service. Students must successfully complete 29 hours of coursework before their term of service begins. The student interns will come from diverse sectors of campus life, and do not need to have prior experience in Elon's religious life groups or in the Religious Studies curriculum.

The Interns will receive annual stipends of \$2000 (to be credited to their tuition bills, \$1000 each semester) and a one-time travel grant of \$1000 to participate in a study abroad course approved by the Truitt Center staff which provides an experience of pilgrimage.

For additional information, please contact the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, 278-7729, or stop by our office at 401 E. College Avenue.

Sincerely,

Richard W. McBride
University Chaplain

Phillip W. Smith
Assistant Chaplain and Director
of Religious Life

Important Dates

- **January 20:** Application packets available in the Truitt Center. Give reference forms to two faculty or staff members and one peer.
- **February 27:** Application and References are due by 5:00 pm in the Truitt Center. Forms may be sent to 2960 Campus Box or delivered in person.
- **March 2-4:** Individual applicant interviews (to be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time).
- **March 11:** Group Interaction meeting for all Applicants (includes dinner) 5:30 to 7:30 pm, location to be announced
- **March 16-17:** Applicants will receive a phone call from the Truitt Center Staff regarding possible employment for 2009-2010.
- **After spring break until end of spring semester:** New Interns “shadow” current student Interns and attend as many of the Truitt Center sponsored events as possible to get an idea of the planning and programming of the center.
- **April 3:** Teambuilding and Visioning Retreat for Truitt Center staff and new student interns.

Fall 2009

- **August 19:** 2009-2010 Truitt Center Interns return to campus.
- **August 20-22:** Truitt Center Retreat at Seven Lakes, NC (two nights).
- **August 24-28:** Continuing to prepare for New Student Orientation, Organization Fair and Fall Semester programs (half days in the Truitt Center).



VERA RICHARDSON TRUITT CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE
Student Program Intern Application
Academic Year 2009-2010

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Campus Box: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Datatel No.: _____

Hometown: _____

Year in School 2009-10 (Soph/Junior/Senior): _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Work Experience during last three years:

Please list activities and organizations with which you have been involved during the last three years.

Please include any leadership positions that you have held and the year(s) of that service.

If invited to be a Truitt Center Intern, would you be willing to move this position to the top of your leadership roles on campus? _____ What changes would this new position require you to make in your overall schedule?

Program Intern Position for which you are applying (1st and 2nd choices):

Please identify two faculty or staff members, and one peer, from the Elon University Community to serve as your references. Three recommendation forms are included. It is your responsibility to give the form to each reference. The forms are to be returned to the Truitt Center by Friday, February 27.

Fac/Staff Name:

Position or Relationship to you:

Peer Reference Name:

Relationship to you:

Essay for Application

Please address the following questions in 400-500 words (about two typed pages). Your answers should be clear and comprehensive.

1. Why are you interested in working with the Truitt Center? What are your expectations?
2. What do you see as the gifts you bring to the position(s) for which you are applying?
3. Identify and discuss a prior experience where you worked as a member of a team and what you learned about yourself from that experience.
4. What spiritual or religious practices are an integral part of your life? Explain the significance to you.
5. What changes do you suggest which would enhance religious and spiritual life at Elon?

After completing the application and essay, please cut this form in half so that you may retain the cover letter and Important Dates. Then, staple the Application to the front of your typed essay and return to the Truitt Center.