Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows

Leadership Fellows: a distinctive four-phase program
Leadership Fellows will begin developing their leadership skills by coming to campus early for orientation. They also share an Elon 101 class and a common Global Studies course in the fall, attend a Leadership retreat, collaborate on a community project, and complete the Emerging Leaders Program - the first year of the four year Isabella Cannon leadership Program. Additionally, all of the Leadership Fellows participate in seminars by the Isabella Cannon Visiting Distinguished Professor of leadership.

Leadership Studies
Second-year Fellows will continue the academic component with a 200-level Leadership course and a winter term leadership course with a travel component. The Leadership Studies portion is completed with a 300-level Leadership designated course the third year. Fellows will continue to participate in the Isabella Cannon Leadership Program. Each year the Fellows read a book focused on Leadership, and participate in group discussions.

Scholarships
Five freshmen will receive $2,500 scholarships, renewable annually, provided the recipient meets the requirements of the Leadership Fellows Program; including leadership studies and the four phases of the Isabella Cannon Leadership Program.

The Four-Year Isabella Cannon Leadership Program

Emerging Leaders: Self
Freshman Leadership Fellows participate in the Emerging Leaders Program, which is open to all freshmen who wish to become better leaders through developmental experiences. This phase of the program is specifically designed for students to learn about themselves. Participants will connect with upperclassmen leaders, participate in campus programs, and learn about their personal leadership style. Students who successfully complete the program receive an Emerging Leaders Certificate and become eligible for Phase II.

Phase II: Collaboration
Sophomore Leaders take a leadership role in campus organizations, attend a popular “How to Lead” Retreat, participate in a “Leadership Laboratory” project, and participate in monthly meetings with a faculty member or administrator. These activities strengthen a Fellow’s skills in collaboration, the key to working with others.

Phase III: Change
Junior Leaders plan and coordinate group sessions for the Emerging Leaders Program, complete a personal and organizational change project, receive training in facilitation, and attend a local, state or regional leadership conference. The focus during this phase is on being a leader who understands and manages change effectively.

Phase IV: Common Good
Senior Leaders coordinate the Phase II “How to Lead” retreat, complete a campus project, attend capstone discussions to reflect on their own experience, and present their leadership legacy papers at a special banquet. The theme of this year is becoming a leader who has a positive impact for the common good.

$1,000 Study Abroad Travel Grant
All Leadership Fellows receive a $1,000 study abroad grant, which may be used for an Elon-approved study abroad experience during the sophomore, junior, or senior years, provided the student remains active in the Leadership Fellows Program.

Graduation
Upon successful completion of the Leadership studies requirements and the Isabella Cannon Program, Leadership Fellows will graduate with distinction as an Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellow. The Cannon Legacy is a life long journey!

A maximum of five lateral entry positions into the Leadership Fellows program are available to first year students who are part of the Emerging Leaders programs. Applications are due in November for lateral entry during the spring semester.