The Elon College fellows program brings together the breadth of a traditional liberal arts education, the experience of undergraduate research, and the collaboration of interdisciplinary exchange.

Elon College Fellows commit to a primary major in Elon College, the historic center of Elon University and home to more than fifty-five academic programs. In addition to the traditional academic work required for a major, Elon College Fellows will develop a research question with a faculty mentor who is an expert in the Fellow’s chosen field of study. Throughout this transition—from college, to branch, to specific mentor—Elon College Fellows participate in interdisciplinary seminars that encourage and support the research process as well as offer opportunities to enhance disciplinary research through multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary engagement.

**Year One immerses students in the broad liberal arts traditions.**
- Participate in an ECF Elon 101 course that articulates the value of a Liberal Arts Education as experienced at Elon University and especially in a 4-year Core Curriculum.
- Expand your understanding of “The Global Experience” in an ECF-affiliated section of COR 110.
- Contribute in colloquia that establish the value of the traditional liberal arts as well as emphasize the interdisciplinary approach that keeps them innovative.
- Investigate how one asks good questions in a team-taught winter term course, the last week of which is spent in Washington, DC. This course develops modes of critical inquiry in at least two of the three branches of ECF.

**Year Two transitions to focused study in one of three ECF branches—the Arts & Humanities, Mathematical & Natural Sciences, or Social Sciences.** The culmination of this year’s work experience is finding a faculty mentor with expertise in the fellow’s chosen major field of study.
- Participate in a branch-specific interdisciplinary second-year seminar designed to focus one’s experiences within the three ECF branches, facilitate finding a mentor, and develop collegiality and intellectual exchange across majors.
- As a part of the seminar in the fall, explore disciplinary expertise and faculty research programs in the departments within the branches. In the spring, work with a faculty mentor to develop a preliminary research question.

**Year Three supports the development of a research proposal with a mentor** and in conversation with peers.
- Begin independent research hours (ECF 499) with a mentor. Over four semesters, develop a research investigation or creative project that makes an original contribution to the liberal arts.
- Participate in a branch-specific interdisciplinary third-year seminar designed to support the development of a scholarly project with a particular focus on learning to communicate disciplinary research to varied audiences.
- Participate in a poster session that introduces Elon College Fellows projects to the greater Elon community.

**Year Four deepens the research experience and culminates in a public presentation of the project.**
- Work with a mentor to complete a high quality, intellectual and discipline-specific product and to reflect on key learning outcomes related to the experience of producing original scholarship.
- Present work in a public forum. Opportunities include the on-campus Spring Undergraduate Research Form (SURF), along with regional, national and international conferences.