**2025-26 Scholarship Information/Application Form**

**Department of History and Geography**

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Datatel (Student) ID #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Month/year I started at Elon\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which means I’m in my 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th year (**circle** one).

Number of semester hours *completed* as of today\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Campus Box \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Transfer student? Yes No Anticipated graduation date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

North Carolina resident? Yes No If yes, where are you from in NC \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Member of Phi Alpha Theta? Yes No Member of Pi Gamma Mu? Yes No

Member of Gamma Theta Upsilon? Yes No Completed or Enrolled in HST 3010

? Yes No

Do you receive financial aid from Elon or other sources? Yes No

If yes, is this financial aid *merit-based* (e.g. Presidential Scholarship) or *need-based*? (**circle** all that apply)

Are you a member of one of the Elon Fellows programs? If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that the criteria for the scholarships are very specific. You may be eligible for more than one, or none. See the descriptions for each scholarship included with this form. This completed form, along with any required essay, is due no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 12, 2026. Submit it as an email attachment to Dr. Rod Clare (**[**rclare@elon.edu**](mailto:rclare@elon.edu)**), Chair of the History and Geography department. Feel free to write with questions.**

**\*\*\*Financial need is a criteria for some awards, for which you must have an updated FAFSA on file.\*\*\***

………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

**Special section if applying for the Smith-Midgette Scholarship for International Study and/or the Heidi Glaesel Frontani Memorial Study Abroad Essay Contest**

Please check one: I am applying for \_\_\_\_ Smith-Midgette Scholarship only, \_\_\_\_ the Frontani Award only; \_\_\_\_ consideration for both the Smith-Midgette Scholarship and the Frontani Award.

Have you *studied* abroad before (must be an academic program)? Yes No

If so, when and where?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you *traveled* abroad before (non-academic)? Yes No

If so, when and where?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For which Study Abroad course would you use this scholarship?

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Study Abroad course in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ term of year\_\_\_\_\_.

Have you been accepted into this program yet? Yes No If no, expected decision date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A 2-3 page essay is required for the Smith-Midgette Scholarship for International Study and for the Heidi Glaesel Frontani Memorial Study Abroad Award. Applicants should:

* Explain your overall educational goals or objectives (as an undergraduate);
* Describe your goals/expectations for this particular study abroad program;
* Explain the connection between the study abroad program and your overall educational goals.

**Descriptions of Scholarships and Awards – Department of History and Geography**

*NB – Most of the scholarships below are endowed scholarships, and the generous donors set the criteria. The specific amount of each scholarship varies, but most are in the range of $1,500- $2,500. When it requests your GPA, it is asking for your culminative GPA.*

***History and Business Award*** for rising juniors or seniors who are pursuing a double major in history and business (any sub-discipline). Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, have already declared both majors, and have completed or be enrolled in HST 3010 (Research Methods). The award is renewable for one additional year. Applicants must submit a short essay addressing why they think being a double major is beneficial and how it will contribute to their career and future plans. **Essay required.**

***Philip Vance Cates Memorial Scholarship*** to honor Mrs. Vance Cates. To be awarded to a rising senior who is a member of Phi Alpha Theta or Pi Gamma Mu and who is recommended by the department. The student must be from North Carolina.

***Watterson-Troxler History Scholarship*** in honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. Shail Troxler and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Watterson, this scholarship is to be awarded to an outstanding History major (can be any year). The primary criterion is academic achievement; however, when the departmental faculty must choose a recipient from equally outstanding students, **financial need** should be the next criteria. It is renewable for up to a total of 4 years if the recipient maintains a 3.2 GPA and continues satisfactory progress toward completion of the major.

***Troxler-Watterson Endowed History Scholarship*** was established by Dr. George Troxler and Dr. Carole Troxler to provide financial assistance to a History major. To be awarded to a History major by the departmental faculty. Students from any year may apply, but the scholarship is part of the Powell challenge, which means recipients must be from North Carolina, and that preference goes to students from Alamance County, then piedmont NC, then NC in general.

***William H. and Kathryn M. Duncan Scholarship*** is awarded in memory of William H. Duncan, Sr. It is awarded to a rising sophomore History major who has **financial need** and is renewable for two years upon maintaining 3.0 GPA and recommendation of the department.

***Smith-Midgette Endowed Scholarship for International Study/Travel*** providesfinancial assistance for one or more students to study abroad and shall be awarded upon the recommendation of the department to a student who has shown solid academic performance and has demonstrated **financial need**. Students must be NC residents, with preference to Alamance County residents. **Essay required.**

***Heidi Frontani Memorial Study Abroad Essay Contest*** is given in memory of Heidi Frontani, Professor of Geography, onetime chair of the Department of History and Geography, pioneering leader of the Ghana Periclean cohort, and scholar and advocate for the peoples of Africa. Provides $1,000 to help defray the cost of studying abroad. Eligibility: Apply in the spring of the preceding year for study travel in the following summer, fall, winter or spring. **Essay required.**

***Richard Jarrett Endowed Scholarship in History***

The recipient of the Richard Jarrett Endowed Scholarship must be a North Carolina resident; first preference will be given to students from Alamance County. The recipient must also be a history major.

ALSO, keep your eyes open for another annual competition, the ***Phi Alpha Theta Historical Paper Prize*** (which usually takes place in April) and consider the ***Alumni Grants for Teaching, Research, and Study Abroad***(rolling application deadline) for support for specific projects.