



BUSINESS FELLOWS INFORMATION & APPLICATION FALL 2026 ENTERING CLASS

SUMMARY OF THE BUSINESS FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Business Fellows program is designed to provide students with the essential knowledge and practical, hands-on experience needed to become exceptional business attorneys.

Integrated across 2.5 years, the Business Fellows program equips future attorneys with the knowledge and skills necessary to become lawyers who will understand their clients' businesses, ranging from entrepreneurial start-ups to large, publicly-traded companies, and provide these clients useful counsel on both the legal and business challenges confronting them. The breadth of experience Elon Law provides, and the emphasis on "doing" rather than solely "studying," helps Elon Law Business Fellows to appreciate that modern business clients require their lawyers to not only answer discrete legal questions, but to also understand the interconnectedness between legal and business issues.

In addition to taking a core curriculum of business courses, Business Fellows will have learning experiences outside the classroom, such as:

- ❖ A summer externship in a corporate or business setting, such as an in-house legal department;
- ❖ Opportunities to meet and interact with business law faculty;
- ❖ Opportunities to counsel businesses through the Law School's Small Business and Entrepreneurship clinical course; and
- ❖ Leadership opportunities in the Law School's Business Law Association.

Benefits of the Business Fellows Program include:

- ❖ A stipend toward the tuition cost and living expenses for a summer corporate or business externship; and
- ❖ A Business Fellows Scholarship toward tuition during the academic year, renewable for 2.5 years assuming continued participation in the Business Fellows Program.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit Business Fellows Program Application Materials. Prospective students who are interested in the Business Fellows Program should submit an application by **Friday, February 27, 2026**. Please email the materials to the Admissions Office at lawadmissions@elon.edu (subject line: Business Fellows Program Application). If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the Admissions Office at (336) 279-9229 or lawadmissions@elon.edu.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Essays and resumes will only be accepted in PDF format.

RESUME

We must receive a PDF copy of your current resume along with your essay.

ESSAY

Applicants must submit an essay in PDF responsive to the prompt below. Your essay should be no more than two pages, double-spaced. Respond thoughtfully to the essay prompt. Your essay, resume, and law school application will form the basis of a decision on your Fellows application.

Essay Prompt:

Explain your interest in business and particularly your interest in assisting your future clients with their legal and business issues. In doing so, please describe your previous business experience and/or studies related to business. Describe also how you envision the legal and business training you will receive at Elon Law assisting you in the practice of law and benefiting your future clients.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Applications are reviewed by a business faculty committee. Finalists for the Business Fellows Program will be invited to interview with the committee either by video conference or by phone. These interviews will occur mid-to-late March 2026.