



LEADERSHIP FELLOWS INFORMATION & APPLICATION FALL 2026 ENTERING CLASS

SUMMARY OF THE LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Leadership Fellows program is an important feature in Elon's leadership development program for law students. Integrated across 2.5 years, the Leadership Fellows program equips future attorneys with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead in their communities to address important public policy and social challenges. In addition to a scholarship award, Fellows are eligible to participate in the Leadership Fellows Externship Program. This summer experience offers an opportunity for Fellows to serve in a public-sector organization of their choosing, for which they receive a stipend toward the tuition cost and living expenses.

Throughout their law school career, Fellows meet with local and national leaders to explore issues in leadership and the law. Fellows also engage in leadership seminars and roundtables, as well as field-based experiences. In addition, Fellows seek ways to serve as leaders in the internal and external communities. Fellows receive individual and team leadership coaching as they develop proposed solutions to current existing issues that community partners bring. In their final year, Fellows develop an individual Leadership Capstone project with an organizational partner to address a significant and current public-policy issue. Through this and the other experiences, Fellows apply their in-depth knowledge and skills in leadership and the law to create positive change in the community.

As campus leaders, Fellows are expected to assist administration and faculty with leadership programming on campus. Fellows are expected to demonstrate satisfactory academic achievement. Leadership Fellows must maintain at least a 2.67 grade point average to continue participation in the program.

Additional information on Elon Law's Leadership Fellows Program is available online at law.elon.edu/leadership.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit Fellows Program Application Materials. Prospective students who are interested in the Leadership 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: Leadership 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 essays.

ESSAYS

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

Essay One

What is your definition of leadership and how has this definition been shaped by your experiences? Describe what you have learned from your various leadership positions and how the leadership skills you have acquired could be further developed and utilized at Elon University School of Law, in the practice of law, and in your community.

Essay Two

What has been your most personally challenging leadership role? You may interpret or define 'challenging' however you wish, but you should explain what made this particular leadership role or event particularly difficult for you personally. Be sure to explain the situation, how you went about contending with this challenge, what the outcome was, and what you learned from this experience.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Applications are reviewed by a leadership faculty committee. Finalists for the Leadership 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.