Dear Members of the Class of 2020,

Applications for the North Carolina Fellows (NC Fellows) Program are now open and you are invited to apply!

What is the NC Fellows Program?

The NC Fellows Program is a cohort-based leadership and self-awareness program that has been present on UNC's campus since 1968. The program seeks to rethink conventional understandings of leadership; to facilitate learning between and among program members; build a supportive community through methods like storytelling and dialogue; and to encourage positive social change by way of those mechanisms.

The program can be described as:
Community-focused: Approximately 25 candidates make up each new class. The cohort remains intact for the duration of their time at Carolina, building a supportive community. Diversity of thought, experience, perspective, and background contribute to richness of discussion, depth of relationships, and stronger community.

Academic: Program members enroll in EDUC 309 during the fall of their sophomore years and EDUC 317 during the spring of their senior years.

Co-curricular: Program members attend Monthly Seminars, an annual retreat, days of service, and more to enhance the work done inside the classroom.

Promoting personal growth: The curriculum pushes its members to maximize their potential. There are no requirements to apply (other than being, and we encourage applications from all first-years, regardless of previous experiences. We value inquiry, critical thinking, and humility.

Promoting leadership development: The program considers leadership to be a necessary ingredient in creating positive social change.

What We Do:

- The Fellows program is unique; it involves both academic (for-credit) and co-curricular elements including:
  - An annual all-Fellows retreat at the beginning of the Fall semester
  - EDUC 309, a 3-credit course taken during the Fall of Sophomore year
  - Junior Seminars to meet as a cohort and encourage dialogue
  - EDUC 317, a 1-credit capstone course taken during Spring of Senior year
  - Monthly Seminars

The Selection Process:

Applications must be received by midnight on Wednesday, February 8th and can be found here or on the Student Life and Leadership Student Life page. After the application deadline, a committee of current program members will invite approximately 50 candidates to participate in a day of interviews. From that candidate pool, a group of 25 people will be invited to comprise the NC Fellows Class of 2020.

We hope you'll consider submitting your application. Questions? E-mail lketola@unc.edu.

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