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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