

Executive Internship applications now available

Program pairs students with staff members to complete projects

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The Executive Internship at Elon University, created in 2011, is intended to showcase some of Elon's most driven students. Applications for the 2017-2018 cohort are due Feb. 20.

The 2016-2017 academic year program's participants includes juniors and seniors of a variety of majors and career interests. The program allows these students to gain experience and practice alongside some of Elon's senior staff members. Last year, 60 students applied to be a part of the 11-student program.

Senior Emma Warman, who was accepted into the program last spring, said she first heard about the program from a fellow tour guide who highly recommended the program to her.

She said she used the internship as a way to leave her mark on Elon. "Spring of my junior year, I had just come back from abroad, and I was looking for a way to make lasting change on this campus," Warman said. "I saw this opportunity as a really good way to do so. It was my desire to make a tangible change on campus and give back to Elon before graduating."

After the application and selection process, the chosen interns are honored at the Annual Internship Breakfast in May. Each intern is assigned a "placement," which can be in one of a wide arrangement of categories, including: Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Associate Provost for Inclusive Community,

Associate Provost for Faculty Staff Affairs, University Advancement, Business, Technology, and Finance, Student Life, Admissions and Financial Planning, University Communications, Athletics, the Center for Access and Success, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Center for Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Education.

The interns then begin a year of involvement, beginning the fall semester of their selected year, when they attend orientation and meet their supervisors. During this semester, interns can spend between two to four hours every week brainstorming possible ideas and goals for what they plan to accomplish during Winter Term, when most of their work is conducted.

When January rolls around, interns work with their supervisors every week on their assigned projects. During this time, interns can conduct research and work with members of Elon's staff to gain communication skills.

During their spring semester, interns begin presenting projects to several committees or specialized teams and finish any educational requirements. The Board of Trustees meeting in the spring is also a valuable opportunity for Executive Interns to make an appearance alongside several influential Elon figures. When the application process begins again, current interns play a part in the intern selection process.

The confidentiality agreement proved to be a way for Warman to grow closer with the senior staff.

"The level of trust between [the Executive Interns] and the senior staff is just so flattering," Warman said.

Gregory Nantz '14, who was an Executive Intern, agreed.

"The Executive Internship is great preparation for those interested in education policy or man-



The 2016-2017 executive interns pose for a selfie after working. The 2017-2018 Executive Internship application is due Feb. 20.

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HOW TO APPLY

Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be rising juniors or seniors in good academic and judicial standing.
- 2) Applicants must be available to work full-time on campus during Winter Term.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate ability to maintain confidentiality.
- 4) Applicants must complete the general background section, list three professional references (including one faculty member) and answer two short-answer questions.
- 5) Applicants must separately submit a one-page resume and a one-page cover letter explaining their interest in the program to executiveinterns@elon.edu.

Due Date: Monday, Feb. 20 at 5:00 p.m.

To apply, visit the Elon homepage and search "Executive Internship." Select the first page, and click the "Apply" tab.

agement, planning and leadership more generally," Nantz said. "The mentor-mentee relationship between leaders of the university and interns is one of the greatest strengths of the program."

The internship also taught Warman about the way decisions are made at Elon, and she said it was an intense operation.

"There are so many flow charts of leadership and decision-

making and planning for the tiniest things on this campus," Warman said. "Elon is such a student-centered university, and that carries through every level of the process of planning at the school."

Delays keep textbooks out of classes' 1st week

Textbook arrivals delayed during 1st week of spring semester classes

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It's been more than a week since spring semester began at Elon University, but many students are still having issues getting their books in time to complete assignments for classes.

It's a result of a new book-ordering system, implemented last fall. The new system moved textbooks to a warehouse on South Church Street to make room on the second floor of the bookstore for more Elon gear, according to Barnes & Noble Store Manager Carly Mayer.

Before this change, textbooks were located on the second floor of the bookstore, available for students to either order ahead of time and pick up or pick up with no previous order.

Now, all of the textbooks have moved to a warehouse on South Church Street. The change in the system came when the store

noticed that 85 percent of students ordered their textbooks ahead of time.

But the new system is proving to be a bit of an issue to some students, such as sophomore Claudia Mortati, whose textbook was backordered for the entire week.

"It's been kind of stressful to have to do all my readings on the internet and to have people sending me photos of textbook pages," Mortati said. "It's just unnecessarily complicated when I could just be ... getting finished."

The delay in textbooks hasn't only proved to be an issue for students. In some classes, more than half of students still don't have their textbooks in the first week. This delay causes professors, such as Anthony Hatcher, associate professor of communications, to improvise on lesson plans.

"I think a week's delay is about as much as I can do," Hatcher said. "Otherwise, we're pushing necessary knowledge, definitions, terminology ... background, history, context — all of those things are being delayed because not everyone has a textbook."

The bookstore processes more than 2,500 textbooks in two weeks for pick-up, with a typical one-day wait time for students, according to Mayer.

"I just want to make clear that back-



Elon's Barnes & Noble store has moved textbook orders to a warehouse on South Church Street.

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orders are orders where we didn't have the book at the time we fulfilled the order, so it went on backorder," Mayer said. "But there's a difference between that and then orders that just aren't ready for pick-up yet."

Overall, Mayer said that productivity

and manpower from employees has not been the cause of the delay, stating that the bookstore "is in better shape with backorders than they've been in [her] tenure" at Barnes & Noble and that she is "proud of the work that [her] team has done to accomplish that."