

“For over 150 years
Columbia College
has created a
distinguished history
of training the best
teachers in South
Carolina.”

--Beth Dinndorf,
President, Columbia College



Columbia College *Teaching Fellows Program*

GRANT ASSISTANCE

Columbia College so strongly supports its Teaching Fellows Program that it matches the \$24,000 fellowship from the State of South Carolina, with a financial gift to create up to \$48,000 in grant assistance. The matching gift can be combined with any other Columbia College Merit Scholarship up to the total cost of tuition.

APPLY ONLINE

CERRA accepts SC Teaching Fellows applications annually September 1-December 1
<http://cerra.org/teachingfellows/application.aspx>

SARA MONTS – First Year student: “I chose Columbia College for my Teaching Fellows Institution because of the personalized attention and endless opportunities given to every single student. The professors here are committed to me becoming the best teacher I can possibly be.”

KIRSTEN BAKER – Columbia College graduate: “The small size of the cohort makes it ideal for establishing meaningful bonds among peers. We participate in travel, leadership and recreational experiences together. Our professors know us so well that they invite us into their homes for gatherings. You don’t get that level of personal involvement in a larger institution. Most importantly, being a Columbia College Teaching Fellow has given me the experience, tools and confidence to be a successful leader in the classroom.”



COLUMBIA COLLEGE
YOU'RE ON *your way*



Becoming a Columbia College Teaching Fellow provides a unique opportunity to participate in a series of innovative courses and school-based field experiences designed to greatly enhance an aspiring teacher's potential as a future educator and leader.

CERTIFICATION AREAS AVAILABLE AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Level, Secondary English, Secondary Math, Special Education, and Dance Education.

In addition to the general education curriculum requirements, Teaching Fellows participate in seminars, internships, field experiences and a host of other professional development events. These opportunities allow fellows to explore innovation and reform in education, diversity, professional growth, education advocacy, research, leadership and collaboration with educational partners.

Highlights of the Columbia College Teaching Fellows Program

- Twenty-five hour or more Public Policy Internship in agencies that support public education
- Attendance at state-wide Teaching Fellows conference sponsored by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA)
- Annual visits from the SC Teacher of the Year
- Student-selected Inquiry Research Project presented during American Education Week
- Partnership/outreach to local Teacher Cadet sites
- Shadowing veteran teachers to learn components of positive classroom environments

PAST TEACHING FELLOWS PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS

BRIANA DAVIDSON

Internship: Palmetto State Teachers Association

Briana Davidson learned first-hand that being an educator should be more than just the ability to impart knowledge. Briana attended South Carolina Board of Education meetings and spent time at the State House in Columbia where she met South Carolina policymakers. This experience helped her gain understanding of the lobbying process as an effective strategy for education policy reform.

AMBER CHAVIS

Internship: South Carolina Educational Television

As an intern at the SCETV Network, Amber Chavis had the opportunity to work on programming wireless router technology to deliver educational content to preschools. Amber's mentor also showed her the vast collection of curriculum resources available to educators including digital content and new applications.

For more information about the Columbia College Teaching Fellows Program contact:
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