



SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

Applying to the Program

Who can apply?

High school seniors who are legal residents of South Carolina and United States citizens are eligible to apply. This opportunity is also available for high school juniors who are graduating early!

Where do I apply?

Find the application and videos on applying for the Teaching Fellows Program at:
cerra.org/teachingfellows/application.aspx

When can I apply?

Each year, between October 1 and December 1, South Carolina High School seniors can apply for Teaching Fellows. Be sure to get your application in on time!

teachingfellows@lander.edu



Who are Lander Teaching Fellows?

The S.C. Teaching Fellows program aims to recruit and retain high school seniors into the teaching profession and help them develop leadership qualities for South Carolina's schools. Funded by the S.C. General Assembly, Teaching Fellows receive up to \$6,000 per year, or \$24,000 for four years. A Fellow agrees to teach in a S.C. public school for every year he/she receives this scholarship.

Lander is one of 11 Teaching Fellows institutions in South Carolina. The program strives to develop highly professional educators who lead by example by:

1. developing their knowledge of education policy and advocacy.
2. engaging in strategic professional development and service.
3. networking with other Teaching Fellows across the state, education organizations, and leaders in education, business, and government.

As Teaching Fellows, students have the opportunity to participate in enriched programs, have professional developmental opportunities, and become involved with surrounding schools, communities and businesses.

Why Lander University?

As a Lander Teaching Fellow, you have choice with how you develop into an educational leader. Our program is structured to provide support for your professional interests and goals. You will *learn by doing*, and our community and campus have many needs that you can address through your service-learning.

Be sure to look on our website for information about our mock interview, where you can gain extra practice before your actual interview. Lander was the first TF institution to have a mock interview!

Other Educational Programs

- Call Me MiSTER (CMM)
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)
- Palmetto State Teachers Association (PSTA)



Tuition & Scholarship Information

How much does Lander cost?

In-state, full-time undergraduate cost is around \$21,000/year* including tuition & fees, room & board, and books.

- Most Teaching Fellows also meet the qualifications for a Life Scholarship, which is \$5,000/yr.
- The Teaching Fellows Award is \$6,000/yr. toward tuition.
- Lander Teaching Fellows residing on campus receive an additional \$2,000/yr. through the Presidential Housing Grant, which helps pay for housing.

This equals approximately \$13,000 in scholarships/awards, meaning your total yearly cost* could be around \$8,000. This additional cost is usually covered through grants and other forms of financial aid!

Are there other scholarship funds available?

Lander's Department of Teacher Education (lander.edu/COE) offers 38 individual scholarships that are awarded according to academic achievement and financial need. Many of our Teaching Fellows are recipients of these scholarships. Departmental scholarships are another opportunity — for example, secondary math education majors could apply for departmental scholarships through the math department. Teaching Fellows who are student athletes may also qualify for athletic scholarships.

Check out our Financial Aid website
www.lander.edu/finaid
for more information about these and
other scholarship opportunities.

Important Dates

- **OCTOBER 1, 2023:** Application window opens.
- **DECEMBER 1, 2023:** Application window closes.
- **DECEMBER 7, 2023:** Deadline to submit supplemental materials (high school transcript with class rank, test scores (if applicable), and two references) through the Kaleidoscope system.
- **DECEMBER 2023:** Teaching Fellows Initial Scoring Committee will score all complete applications.
- **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 9, 2024:** Letters **mailed** to all applicants; up to 500 students will be invited to participate in the second stage of the application process, the interview.
- **FEBRUARY 3, 2024:** Lander University mock interviews conducted.
- **FEBRUARY 25, 2024:** Regional interviews conducted. Additional information will be provided to students who are selected to advance to this stage of the identification process.

*Approximate, based on 2023-24 tuition, fees, and room & board rates. Actual costs will vary by student based on room & board plan and academic program. See lander.edu for most current tuition, fees and room & board rates.



The Teaching Fellows Standard of Conduct

Lander University Teaching Fellows are **open**, **informed**, **invested** and **influential**, and conduct themselves with **integrity** and **fidelity** at all times.

OPEN

- Open eyes - alert, observant, awake, looking at what's around the corner
- Open heart - warmth, kindness, empathy, sympathy
- Open mind - curiosity, humility, thinks before speaking
- Open arms - welcoming, inviting
- Open ears - good listener, "Seek first to understand, then be understood" (*Habit 5 in the Seven Habits*)

INFORMED

- Attends all meetings
- Reads pertinent emails and materials
- Explores and attends professional development opportunities

INVESTED

- Fully involved on the path to being the best teacher you can be
- Aware that you get out what you put in
- Knows that service-learning experiences are an investment in you, the children, the community, etc.
- Notices that when you invest in something, you are connected with it

INFLUENTIAL

- Know yourself and how you appear to others
- Innovative
- Intentional/purposeful
- Team player/collaborative

