

## THE FELLOWS PROGRAM

Each year, the Cathedral College provides the opportunity for up to six visiting scholars to come for a Sabbath time of learning and rest. The program is designed for clergy or laity who wish to work on a preaching project in an atmosphere conducive to serious study. These visiting scholars have included pastors, specialized ministers, authors, artists and lay leaders. While in residence they have

an academic relationship with an advisor,  
privileges at all Washington Theological Consortium libraries,  
privileges to attend any conferences and all worship services at the  
College – it is desired that the Fellows embrace as much of the College  
experience as they are able during their visit,  
privileges at the local fitness centers.

Around mid-point in their time, they present their research findings to the College staff and any specially invited guests. Soon after the conclusion of their stay, a final copy of the project is presented to our Library.

The nature of the program precludes family members from accompanying the Fellow unless a special exception is granted.

### Requirements for Advisor:

After acceptance in the Fellows Program, each Fellow must seek and find an academic advisor in the DC area who will offer support and direction for the project. The Director of Program is available to aid the Fellow in locating a suitable project advisor. The College provides guidelines in an Advisory Form that the Fellow and Advisory sign. The visiting scholar should know to turn to his/her advisor if there are any questions, concerns or problems with the project itself – not for any other issues.

### Financial Considerations:

All housing expenses are covered along with reasonable round-trip travel expenses. Travel while here, and some meals are the responsibility of each Fellow. Parking is available, but limited, on the Cathedral Close. There are nominal fees at the fitness centers.

Remuneration, if any, to the advisor is negotiated and then paid by the Fellow.

### Requirements for Applying:

The application form can be downloaded from the website at [www.cathedralcollege.org](http://www.cathedralcollege.org) or requested by calling Dean McDonald, Director of Program. Applicants must have attended at least one prior conference at the College. Each person accepted must sign the College's Covenant of Ethics. Applications for the next academic year are due by March 30, 2006. The Fellowships are judged and awarded by the end of April.

**Application Form  
for  
The Fellows Program at The Cathedral College in year 2006 – 2007**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work title \_\_\_\_\_

Earned degree(s), school(s), date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Conferences previously attended at the Cathedral College (name(s) and year(s))

Please respond on separate paper to the following five subjects:

1. Describe your topic, and explain why it is of interest to you. Outline with some detail the particular aspects the topic that you would study and write about. List a preliminary bibliography.
2. Criteria by which proposals are evaluated include the helpfulness of the project to other preachers and congregations, and its contribution to the wider community. Describe how your proposed topic meets these criteria.
3. The fellowship is either a three or six week residency in the fall, winter or spring. Which season would you prefer? We will try to honor your first choice, if possible.
4. Tell how you plan to manage your time in order to balance study and worship with rest and recreation.
5. The College values its on-going relationships with, and support by former fellows. How might you envision remaining strongly connected to the College of Preachers in subsequent years?

Please have two professional references submit recommendations that comment upon your scholarship, character, preaching ability (if applicable) and faith commitment. These references are to be sent directly to:

The Rev. Dr. Dean McDonald, Director of Program  
Cathedral College  
3510 Woodley Road, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

For more information, contact Dean McDonald at (202) 537-6384 or [dmcDonald@cathedral.org](mailto:dmcDonald@cathedral.org).

Click on “Programs” on our website, [www.cathedralcollege.org](http://www.cathedralcollege.org) to read a full description of all our programs, including The Fellows Program.

**Application and references are due by March 31, 2006  
for the academic year 2006 – 2007.  
We will be encouraging projects in the area of  
*Integrity in Interfaith Worship and Preaching.***

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## ADVISORY GUIDELINES

The Cathedral College expects the Fellows Program to be a time of serious academic study. The advisory relationship is created to optimize the level of research, reading and writing so that the final project is well done; perhaps even suitable for publication.

The Fellow and the Advisor need to negotiate the number and the duration of meetings, the place to meet (lunch meetings at the College are an option), and the Advisor's remuneration – if any. The academic project is the sole focus of the advisory relationship. This is not therapy, spiritual direction, or of any other nature.

Possible topics for the Fellow and Advisor to pursue might be:

- enhancing a bibliography,
- refining a project outline,
- clarifying difficult concepts,
- planning for the mid-point oral presentation,
- determining the potential for publication.

The College is involved in the advisory relationship in the following ways:

- approving the suitability of the Advisor to the project and for the Fellow
- keeping the Advisory Form in the College files
- requiring the Covenant of Ethics to be signed and submitted.

