

SELECTION PROCESS

There are five steps to becoming a Robertson

STEP ONE: APPLY

Applicants have two options to choose from when applying for the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program.

1.

EARLY NOTIFICATION

Apply by October 15th. Enables applicants to learn if they are invited to the Group Activity before the end of December. Applicants not selected to progress to the Group Activity will be notified by December 31, 2025 that they will not progress in the selection process.

1.a

REGULAR NOTIFICATION

Apply by November 15th. For applicants who are comfortable waiting until February to learn if they will progress to the Group Activity stage. Applicants not invited to the Group Activity will be notified no later than February 7, 2026.

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STEP 2: GROUP ACTIVITY *

For Selected Applicants: Group Activity invitations will be issued on a rolling basis from December 15, 2025 – February 6, 2026.

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*Note: An invitation to participate in the Group Activity is not indicative of admissibility to UNC-Chapel Hill or Duke.

STEP THREE: SEMI FINALIST

Semi-Finalist interview invitations will be issued on a rolling basis between February 7 - February 22, 2026.

Applicants not invited for a semi-finalist interview will be notified by February 23, 2026.

3.

STEP FOUR: FINALIST INTERVIEWS

All applicants completing a semi-finalist interview will receive either an invitation to interview as a finalist or be notified that they are not progressing on the same date. This will be in early March.

4.

SCHOLAR RECIPIENT CAMPUS VISITS

All applicants will learn if they are offered the Robertson by March 11, 2026. Those offered the scholarship will be invited for an expense paid trip to visit Duke & UNC March 25-March 28, 2026.