The Foote Fellows Honors Program recognizes the most educationally accomplished incoming students at the University of Miami. Foote Fellows have distinguished themselves both in and out of the classroom, are self-motivated, and think independently. Admission to the Foote Fellows Honors Program is by invitation. Additionally, students can earn their way into the Foote Fellows Honors Program in the initial stages of their undergraduate career. Each college and school has specific criteria, specified in the appropriate Bulletin section.

Within the curricular framework of their school or college, Foote Fellows enjoy maximum freedom to explore a multitude of educational resources. Many Foote Fellows leverage this opportunity to take additional majors and/or minors and to study abroad.

At each of the nine undergraduate schools and colleges at the University of Miami, a dedicated advisor helps Foote Fellows chart their academic path and attain access to distinctive learning opportunities and educational guidance, such as special school-based seminars, faculty-mentored research, networking opportunities, and off-campus internships.

In addition, Foote Fellows have access to opportunities outside their school. Special Foote Fellow lectures are held throughout the academic year. “Books That Matter,” a rigorous, multidisciplinary seminar in reading and analyzing significant works of nonfiction, is offered to Foote Fellows. Foote Fellows also benefit from focused advising regarding post-baccalaureate distinguished fellowships and awards, support and information about co-curricular opportunities from a dedicated program manager, and networking events with other Foote Fellows from all disciplines.

To graduate with the Foote Fellows Honors Program distinction, Foote Fellow students must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.5 by the completion of the final semester.

Eligibility for the Foote Fellows Honors Program transcript distinction for each student is determined by the lower of two GPAs:

1. UM cumulative graduation GPA
2. Combination GPA (UM cumulative graduation GPA + Transfer GPA)

The Foote Fellows Honors Program reflects the educational vision of former University of Miami President Edward T. Foote, who retired in 2000 after serving the University for twenty years.