



**Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship MMUF Program**  
**Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship status: \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

The explicit purpose of the MMUF Program is to increase diversity in the teaching faculties and the curricula of American colleges and universities, and to provide mentors and teachers for a wide variety of students. The path to achieving that goal is long. Increased numbers of faculty in future decades must begin now by fostering promising undergraduates early in their college careers. Fellows are selected on the basis of the potential for their academic skills, characteristics and interests to contribute to this end, with emphasis on the Mellon designated fields of study. Once selected they are given financial support and personal mentoring to help them better understand first what it means to live an academic life and second to help them prepare for success in graduate school should they ultimately choose to pursue that path. Accepting a Fellowship is not a final commitment to seek a Ph.D. and become a professor, but applicants should apply to the program with a sincere intent to explore that option fully and openly.

The main part of the application consists of 2 essays:

**Essay 1** (not to exceed 2 pages—typed and double spaced.): How do your academic promise and performance, your interests, and your past experiences and future goals fit with the purposes of the MMUF program? In short how would your selection help further the goals above? (Please describe how you have demonstrated commitment to increasing opportunities for underrepresented minorities, breaking down stereotypes, increasing cross-racial and ethnic understanding, and enabling others to better understand persons of different races and ethnicities.)

**Essay 2** (not to exceed 1 page—typed and double spaced.): Please describe a possible topic of interest for your Fellowship project. What in general terms would you like to research? What background work have you done that will prepare you to pursue this project? (This essay must be reviewed and approved by a faculty member from an appropriate department and must be accompanied by the attached approval form.)

I understand that if selected as a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow it will be my responsibility to participate fully in all aspects of the program, including the MMUF research seminar, conferences and other meetings.

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Signature

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Date

**Materials to be submitted:**

1. A completed application form;
2. a signed faculty consultation form;
3. a letter of reference from a faculty member with whom you have studied or worked; and
4. an official transcript.

**Submit all of your materials to the Office of Institutional Diversity, College Hall 103 by Friday, March 27, 2009.**