

# Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Application Form

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

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

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

Are you planning to study abroad in your junior year? \_\_\_\_\_

**The explicit purpose of the MMUF Program is to increase diversity in the faculties and the curricula of US colleges and universities.** MMUF Fellows are selected on the basis of the potential for their academic skills, characteristics and interests that contribute to this end, with emphasis on the Mellon designated fields of study. Once selected, fellows are given financial support and personal mentoring to help them better understand what it means to live an academic life and to help them prepare for success in graduate school. 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 sincere intent to explore that option fully and openly.

**The application consists of two essays:**

**Essay 1: Not to exceed two pages, typed and double spaced**

How do your academic promise and performance, your interests, and your past experiences and future goals align with the purposes of the MMUF program? How would your selection help further the goals above? Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to the opportunities for underrepresented minorities, breaking down stereotypes, increasing cross-racial and ethnic understanding and enabling others to better understand person of different races and ethnicities?

**Essay 2: Not to exceed one page, typed and double spaced**

Describe a possible topic of interest for your fellowship project. In general terms, what would you like to research? What background work have you done that has prepared you to pursue this project? How will you use the summer to begin and/or continue your research? This essay must be reviewed and approved by a faculty member from an appropriate department and must be accompanied by the Faculty Consultation form.

By signing below I understand that, if selected as a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, it will be my responsibility to fully participate in all aspects of the Program, including the MMUF Research Seminar, conferences, and all other meetings.

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Signature

Date

**Materials to be submitted by Thursday, March 10, 2016:**

1. An application form
2. Two essays
3. Signed Faculty Consultation form
4. One or two signed letters of recommendation from a Smith Faculty member with whom you have studied or worked (sent directly to MMUF Program Coordinator at College Hall 206 or by email at [dramdath@smith.edu](mailto:dramdath@smith.edu))
5. Official transcript

Submit all of the above materials, **no later than Thursday, March 10, 2016**, to:

Program Coordinator  
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program  
College Hall 206