IMPORTANT DATES

Application deadlines:
March 10

Announcement of fellows:
End of March

Fellowship begins:
The summer following the selection

TO APPLY

To apply for any scholarship or fellowship at the College, you must fill out the general scholarship application located at: http://www1.ccny.cuny.edu/admissions/scholarship-application.cfm

Once you have filled out the general scholarship application, complete the specific application page for the MMUF.

Please notify our office after you submit your application so that we know to look for it, ccfell@ccny.cuny.edu or (212) 650-8388.

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The City College Fellowships Program is an umbrella program administering two undergraduate fellowships. It brings together approximately 10 Mellon Mays Fellows and 25 City College Fellows into a single, highly diverse and vibrant community of students who share a common interest in research and common aspiration to earn a Ph.D.

MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

FOR STUDENTS SEEKING CAREERS IN ADVANCED RESEARCH & COLLEGE TEACHING

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THE PURPOSE

To address the shortage of minority scholars on college and university campuses and to improve racial relations, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation established the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program. The program is designed to encourage the most talented undergraduate students from groups traditionally underrepresented in graduate education, as well as others with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities, to enter Ph.D. programs and pursue careers in research and college teaching.

The program provides financial support and a developmental structure from the summer preceding a student’s junior year until admission to graduate school. In addition, Mellon Mays Fellows receive continuing support from the Mellon Foundation as they advance through graduate school and gain faculty appointments. City College is one of over thirty participating colleges and universities nationwide.

BENEFITS OF THE AWARD

Faculty Mentoring. Fellows choose a faculty mentor from their major department who serves as an advisor, role model, and research supervisor. Together, the Fellow and mentor devise a program to help the Fellow develop his or her academic potential and prepare for graduate school. Activities might include: conducting independent research; preparing research for presentation or publication; participating in the design of a course; teaching a class in the mentor’s course; participating in professional activities such as the attendance of an academic conference or the search for a new faculty member.

Pre-Graduate School Advising. In addition to advising from mentors, Fellows participate in a series of forums and workshops designed to provide information about graduate school and to facilitate the application process. Forums feature faculty speakers who address broad issues in research and academic life. Workshops help Fellows to build strong mentoring relationships, devise a plan for application to Ph.D. programs, learn about funding sources, write a strong personal statement, and prepare to take the Graduate Record Examination.

Stipends. Fellows receive a summer research stipend of $3,900 for each of the two summers of their Fellowship, as well as $1,800 for each semester of their junior and senior years.

Funds for Travel, Research, Academic Training. Supplemental funds are available for activities such as summer research projects, travel to conferences and libraries, and academic training, including intensive language study.

Loan Repayment. If within three years of graduating from City College a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow enrolls as a full-time student in an eligible Ph.D. program, that Fellow may have up to $10,000 of his or her undergraduate or graduate loans repaid by the Mellon Foundation.

Social and Intellectual Community. The workshops, forums, social events, and research conference bring Mellon Mays Fellows together with City College Fellows to form a vibrant community that fosters intellectual growth and mutual support. They also attend annual conferences with Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows from other colleges in New York City and New England.

ELIGIBILITY

• A minimum of 3.0 GPA and exceptional scholarly promise.
• Major in: a discipline in the humanities (Area Studies, Art History, English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, History, Musicology, Philosophy, Religion); and selected social sciences (Anthropology, Political Theory, Sociology).
• Desire to matriculate in a Ph.D. program and to pursue a career in research and teaching at the college or university level.
• African American, Latino, Native American, and others with a demonstrated commitment to increasing opportunities for underrepresented minorities.
• Current sophomores or students with three to four more semesters before graduation.
• Status as US citizen or permanent resident.

SELECTION

Applicants will be interviewed by the Director along with members of the Steering Committee. Selection will be based on the strength of the student’s academic record, academic focus and goals, faculty recommendations, and capacity to diversify the academy and/or demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities.