

MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

MMUF APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications Accepted: February 5 – February 19, 2009

In 1988, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation determined to help remedy the serious shortage of faculty of color in higher education. The fundamental objective of the Mellon Mays [formerly the Mellon Minority] Undergraduate Fellowship program is to increase the number of students of African, Hispanic and Native American descent, and others with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities, who will pursue PhDs in core fields in the arts and sciences. The program provides support for undergraduates who are seriously interested in an academic career and who enter the program with the intention of continuing their education through the PhD in preparation for such a career.

The MMUF program is hosted at 34 institutions and a consortium of 38 historically black colleges and universities within the membership of the United Negro College Fund. As of January 2003, approximately two thousand undergraduates have been selected as fellows. The program now has over 250 fellows who have earned the PhD and are now teaching at various colleges and universities around the country.

Instructions

The application process for the selection of Haverford's 9th cohort of fellows will open on February 5, 2009. **Applications may be submitted beginning February 5 through February 19 via Hard Copy ONLY.** Emails will be accepted if you are currently studying abroad. All applications must be delivered to Deborah Saunders (address below).

To apply, submit:

- ✓ A 4 page, double-spaced statement of purpose. The first 2 pages will address the following questions:
 - What attracts you to the MMUF program?
 - How does the program relate to your career goals?
 - What field do you intend to major in? Why?
- ✓ The second 2 pages will describe your values, commitment and/or experiences that illustrate your commitment to eradicating racism and breaking down stereotypes
- ✓ A printout of your transcript
- ✓ 2 letters of reference from faculty; one of the 2 must be from the faculty member who has agreed to serve as your Mentor, should you be appointed.
- ✓ List of all the courses taken in your intended major
- ✓ List of all the faculty in the tri-college community with whom you have taken courses. Include the title of the courses taken.
- ✓ Attach to the above materials the MMUF Candidates Information form.

Deliver application materials (and questions about the application process) to:

Deborah Saunders
X 2905 or dsaunder
OMA
Stokes, 111

Note:

1. **Hard Copies Only!** NO e-mail or fax will be accepted **UNLESS** you are *applying while studying abroad this semester.*
2. **DEADLINE:** February 19, 2009, 5:00pm. (*Applications may be left in a sealed envelope under the OMA office door after the offices closes at 5:00.*)
3. Questions about the program may be directed to the Co-coordinators, who can be reached at:

- a. Dean Sunni Green Tolbert stolbert or X 1263
- b. Professor Saleha Jilani sjilani or or X 4974

**MMUF
CANDIDATES INFORMATION FORM**

Deadline: February 19, 2009

Name: _____ Class: _____

Campus Address: _____

E-mail addresses: campus: _____ Other: _____

Telephone(s): campus: _____ Cell _____

Permanent Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Major to be declared: _____

Mentor: _____ Dept. _____ School: _____

Highest Level of Education Parents Completed:

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Siblings:

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Describe your racial/ethnic/cultural identity: *(you may attach an additional sheet if more space is needed)* _____

