

MEMORANDUM

TO: Penn Sophomore and Junior Scholars

FROM: Dr. Valarie Swain-Cade McCoullum
Vice Provost

DATE: March 7, 2012

RE: **MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**

You are invited to apply for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Program. The MMUF program supports and encourages “minority students and others with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities” to enter and complete programs of graduate study leading to doctoral degrees in the humanities and selected social sciences.

Mellon Fellows receive benefits including paid national and international summer research internships, research support during the academic year, book stipends, graduate school application fees, access to disciplinary conferences, and other opportunities. Perhaps the most marvelous component of the program is the opportunity for inter-disciplinary study with many distinguished Penn faculty members. Penn Mellon Fellow alumni are currently pursuing doctoral studies at institutions including Columbia University, Duke University, New York University, Harvard University, the University of Southern California, the University of Michigan, the University of California at Berkeley and a number of other fine universities across the country. We are also proud to report that, thus far, fifteen Penn Mellon Fellow alumni have received their doctoral degrees!

We plan to choose no more than four new program fellows to begin program activities immediately through their graduation from Penn. As a first phase of this application process, I ask that you complete the required application materials and submit the original and four copies, to Pat Ravenell at the above address, no later than March 30, 2012. Interviews will be scheduled shortly thereafter for applicants who are chosen by the Oversight Committee as semi-finalists.

I hope that you will consent to enter this fellowship competition.

Enclosures

**MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
2012-2013 APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant Name: _____ Penn ID # _____

Campus Address: _____

Campus Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Permanent Phone: _____

School: _____ Major: _____

Estimated Overall G.P.A.: _____ Estimated Major G.P.A.: _____

Area of Research Interest: _____

High School: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Faculty Reference:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Yes, I would like to be considered for the University of Pennsylvania Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program:

Signature

Date

Return original and 4 copies of this form, and all other application materials, to Pat Ravenell, Office of the Vice Provost for University Life, 3611 Locust Walk/6222, no later than March 30, 2012.

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Application Procedures

- Complete the preliminary application form. Note: applicants must be sophomores or juniors and have a minimum gpa of 3.0.
- Submit a concise personal statement describing how your academic and career goals would be served by the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program. Be sure to include information about plans for possible research or honors projects and your scholarly interests. Include other activities you have engaged in that demonstrate your ability to take responsibility, work independently, and show initiative or perseverance. Statement should be no more than 2-3 pages.
- Submit one faculty nomination letter
- An unofficial transcript