The Honors Academy at Brooklyn College

The Honors Academy, established in 1959, comprises the nine Brooklyn College honors-level programs: the Scholars Program, the Coordinated B.A.–M.D. program, the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, the Engineering Honors Program, the CUNY Honors College at Brooklyn College, the Dean's List Honors Research Program, the Honors Academy Research Colloquium, the Minority Access to Research Careers Program, and the Special Baccalaureate Degree Program. Students in these programs have an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher and a commitment to honors-level study.

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship is an upper-division honors program designed to attract highly qualified minority students and others with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities. These students are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in more than 20 select fields in the humanities and social sciences. The program's goal is to diversify the faculties at colleges and universities around the country.

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship provides students with faculty mentors, research experience, and colloquia in which Fellows hear from faculty of color about their experiences as academics, and in which Fellows discuss their own research and academic progress. The program also helps students take practical steps toward graduate study: they receive assistance preparing for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), choosing graduate schools, drafting personal statements for their applications, and obtaining suitable faculty recommendation letters.

Mellon Fellows receive partial scholarships for up to four semesters, as well as a maximum of two summer research fellowship stipends. Funding is also available to assist students in repaying undergraduate student loans while they are in an approved Ph.D. program.

A complete list of eligible majors and more information about the MMUF are available at www.mmuf.org.

Eligibility and Requirements

You may apply for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship if you are a full-time student in the second semester of your sophomore year (45–60 credits) and can show evidence of solid academic achievement. The program is open to all students who are interested in pursuing graduate studies in one of the approved fields, although underrepresented minorities, including African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans are particularly encouraged. Select applicants will be interviewed by a committee.

How to Apply

1. Fill out the Application Form. Personal and financial information on the form is confidential and is not used as a criterion for membership.

2. Write a personal statement in which you describe your interests and professional plans for the future. The statement should be no more than two pages, typed and double-spaced, and should include your name and student ID number at the top of each page. Please attach the statement to the Application Form.

3. Ask two Brooklyn College faculty members (one in your major department and one in another department) each to write a letter of recommendation. Request that the letter be submitted to the Honors Academy or emailed to mmuf@brooklyn.cuny.edu. You are responsible for ensuring that your recommendation letters are submitted.

Please return your application form and personal statement to the Honors Academy, 2231 Boylan Hall, or email them to mmuf@brooklyn.cuny.edu. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis beginning in the fall of each year, with interviews during the spring semester, and decisions by the end of the spring semester.

For more information, see www.mmuf.org or email mmuf@brooklyn.cuny.edu.
Please submit this form with your personal statement to the director, Honors Academy, 2231 Boylan Hall. Please type or print clearly.

Name ____________________________________________ Gender ____________________

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Student ID ___________________________ Home phone __________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip code

Date of birth __________________________ Place of birth __________________________

Number of dependents __________________________ E-mail address __________________________

If you were born outside the United States, state date of entry __________________________

☐ U.S. citizen ☐ Permanent resident ☐ Married ☐ Single

High school __________________________________________ City and state __________________________

Date of graduation from high school __________________________ Cumulative academic index in high school __________________________

College credits earned to date __________________________ Prospective major __________________________ Expected date of graduation __________________________

Courses you are taking this semester (with instructors' names):

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Overall GPA Major Major GPA Expected graduation date

Scholastic honors or distinctions you have received at Brooklyn College: __________________________________________

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Scholarships or other financial aid you are now receiving: __________________________________________

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If you work, state name of employer(s) __________________________________________

Number of hours you work per week __________________________________________

Extracurricular activities __________________________________________

Letters of recommendation

Please request that the letters be sent directly to the Honors Academy, 2231 Boylan Hall or emailed to mmuf@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Names and departments of faculty members writing letters of recommendation (one in your major department and one in another department):

Name __________________________ Department __________________________

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The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation monitors the progress of students they fund in order to determine the effects of the fellowship. They request that this program provide information about members' family background, pre-Brooklyn College schooling and test scores, Brooklyn College academic record and activities, and financial aid. The program will report these data to the Mellon Foundation in the aggregate and will not refer to specific individuals. Your signature below indicates your agreement that the program may provide the Mellon Foundation with the information it requests and that Brooklyn College may release information about you from its records to the Mellon Foundation.

Certification

To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is correct and complete.

Applicant's signature __________________________ Date __________________________