Application for the Mellon Undergraduate Transfer Student Research Program for HSS Faculty and Students

Applications for Spring 2027 are due Wednesday, December 2, 2026 by email to Melissa Queliz at mtsrp3114@gmail.com. In order to be eligible for the program, the student must be a transfer student; must not have participated in the program previously; must be able to enroll in an independent study class with their faculty advisor during the semester of participation; must be able to attend a monthly common hour program meeting during the semester of participation.

The application must include:

- This cover sheet
- A 1-2 page research proposal, written jointly by the HSS faculty member and the student, that outlines the proposed project and work plan for the semester
- A cover letter from the student, expressing interest in and reasons for applying
- The student's resumé (if applying as a team, then a resumé and cover letter from each student)

Faculty Name: _____ Title_____
Department: _____
Email address _____ ID number_____

Chair's signature: _____

Student Name: _____ ID Number _____
Email address: _____ Phone number _____
Address_____
Previous college_____ Transfer GPA_____
Brooklyn College major_____Brooklyn College GPA_____

If this is a team research project, the project may include as many as four students:

Student Name: _____ ID Number _____
Email address: _____ Phone number _____
Address_____
Previous college_____ Transfer GPA_____
Brooklyn College major_____Brooklyn College GPA_____

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Title of Project_____

Abstract of the research project to be undertaken (no more than 50 words):

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The Undergraduate Research Program for Transfer Students Program aims to aid transfer students at the College by facilitating their ability to conduct serious and rigorous independent research, giving them the support and training they need to succeed, and helping them develop mentor relationships with faculty. To be eligible, students should have a 2.75 Brooklyn College GPA and a 2.75 Transfer GPA. Students accepted to the program will register for an **independent study or V-section** with their faculty mentor; the faculty member is agreeing to this, to meet regularly with their student(s), and must get the consent and signature of their chair. In addition to course credit, students will receive a stipend of $1,200; faculty will also receive a $500 research award for each student advisee as well as V-section/independent study workload credit.

The program supports three distinct forms of research projects, allowing different levels of student and faculty engagement and participation for students to engage in an independent research project:

1**) A Team Project**: Faculty apply with a team of up to four transfer students with a specific research project to be conducted by a team of students. The faculty member writes up the proposal and explains the independent research that each student will conduct as part of the team.

2) **Student-Faculty Research**: Faculty and student(s) apply to work on a joint research project in the professor's current area of research, exploring an aspect of that research. The proposal will outline the specific research project the student will pursue independently with faculty guidance over the semester.

3) **Independent Student Researcher**: A student applies with a sponsoring faculty member on an independent research project of their own creation s/he would like to pursue and a plan for how they play to pursue it. In the proposal, students need to demonstrate some knowledge of the topic and have done previous research or have interest in the area and outline how the research will be conducted.

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Please feel free to contact the program Co-Directors, professors Alan Aja (aaja@brooklyn.cuny.edu), Joseph Entin (jentin@brooklyn.cuny.edu), and Jeanne Theoharis (jtheoharis@brooklyn.cuny.edu) with questions.