

Application for Matriculated Students

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. The selected students will be those interested in discovering how to pursue a Ph.D. in more than 20 select fields in the humanities and social sciences.

The program's goal is to produce higher education professionals and diversify faculties at colleges and universities around the country.

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship provides students with faculty mentors, research experience, and seminars in which Fellows hear from faculty 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 stipends 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 and <https://www.brooklyn.edu/honors-academy/mellon-mays>.

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 (45–60 credits) or junior (60-84 credits) year 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. Selected applicants will have a personal interview.

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 research interests, personal plans and professional goals. The statement should be no more than two pages, typed and double-spaced, with 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) to write a letter of recommendation. Request that the letter be submitted to Professor Lynda Day, Lday@brooklyn.cuny.edu. You should ensure that your recommendation letters are submitted.

Please return your application form and personal statement to Lynda Day, 3105 James Hall, or email Lday@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 middle of the spring semester. For more information, email the director Professor Lynda Day, Lday@brooklyn.cuny.edu.



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Please submit this form with your personal statement via email to the director, Professor Lynda Day Lday@brooklyn.cuny.edu. 3105 James Hall. Please type or print clearly.

Name _____ Gender _____
Last First Middle

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):

Overall GPA _____ Major _____ Major GPA _____ Expected graduation date _____

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

Scholarships or other financial aid you are now receiving: _____

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

Number of hours you work per week _____

Extracurricular activities _____

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Letters of recommendation

Please request that the letters be sent directly via email to the director Professor Lynda Day, Lday@brooklyn.cuny.edu. 3105 James Hall.

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 _____