

THE MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Please submit this form with your personal statement to the director, Honors Academy, 2231 Boylan 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 _____

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 _____

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Application for Matriculated Students

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.

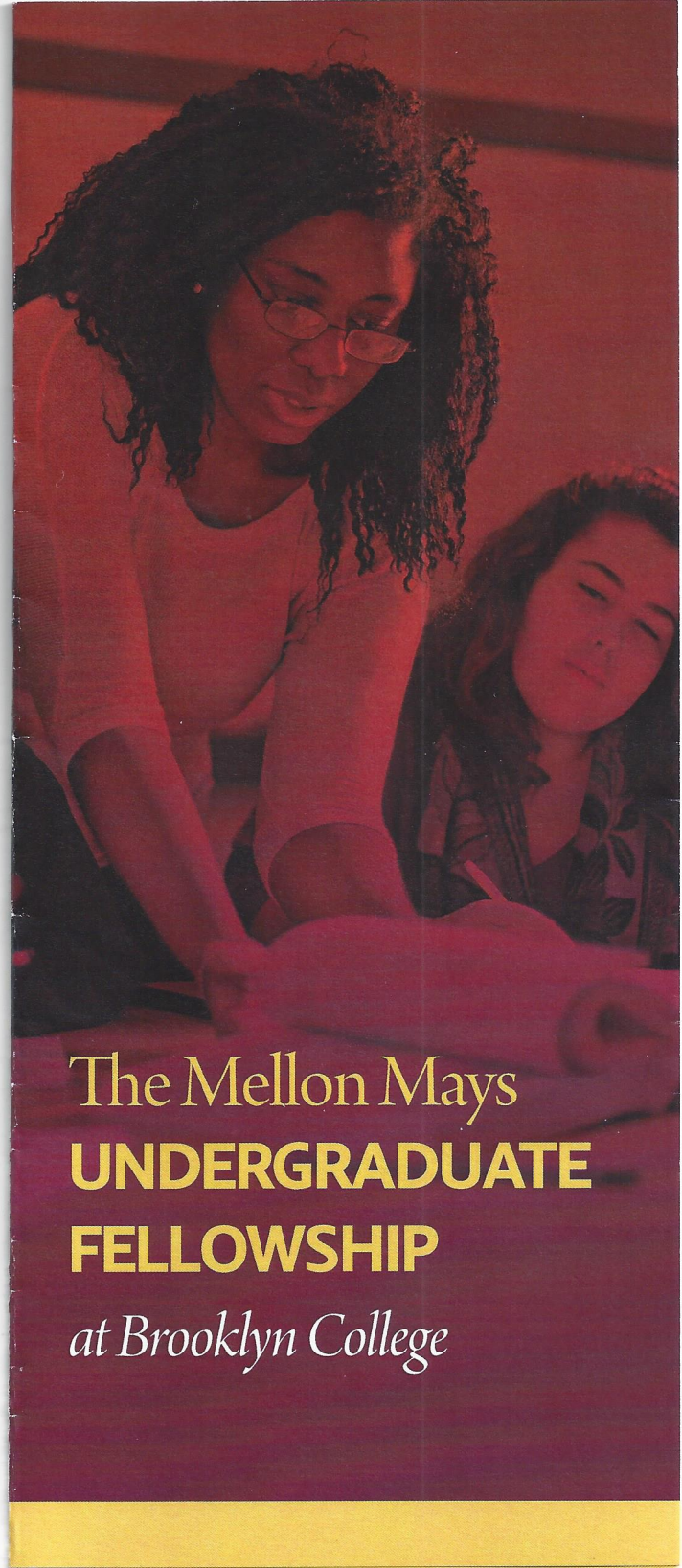
Eligibility and Requirements

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.



The Mellon Mays
**UNDERGRADUATE
FELLOWSHIP**

at Brooklyn College

Affiliated with the Brooklyn College Honors Academy, the **MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP** is open to highly qualified students who hope to pursue graduate study in a wide variety of humanities and social science fields, as well as mathematics and environmental science (see www.mmuf.org for a complete list of eligible majors).

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation supports the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship program at 38 American colleges and universities with the goal of increasing diversity among college faculties by helping students of great promise to become scholars of the highest distinction.

Our Mellon fellows have also received many prestigious awards, including the Rosen Fellowship, the Ford Fellowship, the Goldsmith Scholarship, and being elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Admission

Brooklyn College chooses approximately five students each year to participate in the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. Applicants must:

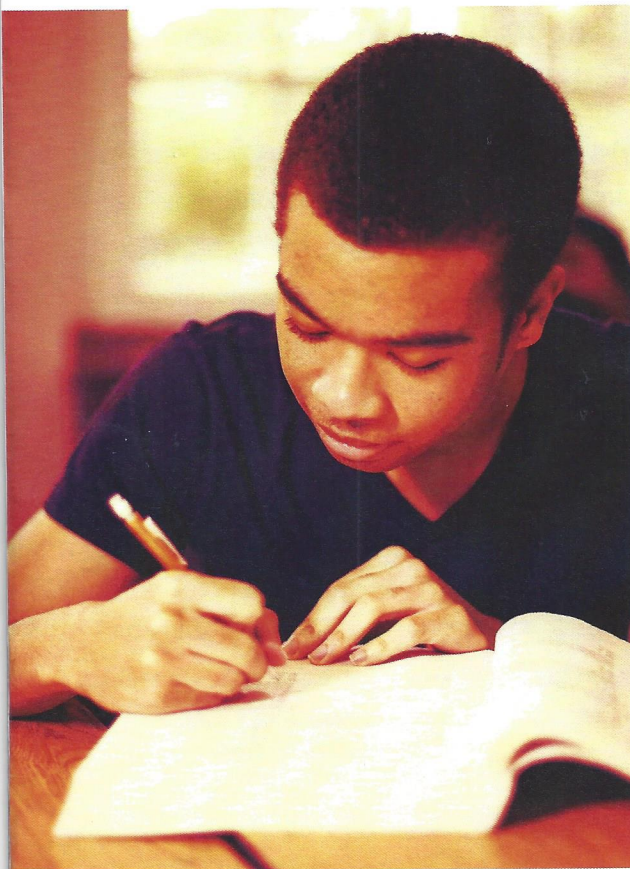
- Be full-time students in the second semester of their sophomore year (45-60 credits).
- Show evidence of interest in doctoral study and academic career.
- Meet the high academic standards required by all Brooklyn College Honors Academy programs, which includes having a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from faculty members and an essay describing their career interests.

Candidates are interviewed by a faculty committee. Application forms are available at www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/mellon, or in the Honors Academy Commons, 2231 Boylan Hall.

Program Requirements

To maintain a good standing, Mellon Mays fellows must:

- Maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
- Attend all meetings, held during Thursday "common hours."
- Pursue a research project each semester.
- Meet regularly with their faculty mentor and the Mellon Mays coordinators.
- Write a senior thesis through the Honors Academy Senior Colloquium.



The Senior Thesis

Mellon Mays fellows must enroll in the Honors Academy's Senior Colloquium, where they research and write a senior thesis. The two-semester senior thesis is one of the most important requirements of the fellowship. Besides providing knowledge of research techniques, the senior thesis teaches students how to plan and carry out a long-range project, an ability central to success and leadership in every field. The course guides fellows' research as they learn to manage time and maintain focus throughout a nine-month academic year.

Benefits of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

Mellon Mays fellows receive partial scholarships, summer research stipends, and help repaying undergraduate student loans. They have also won many nationally competitive honors.

Faculty mentors guide fellows in taking practical steps toward graduate study such as choosing a school and drafting personal statements. At regional meetings, Mellon Mays fellows meet their peers at other colleges and universities and take low-cost GRE preparation courses. After graduation, they are eligible to attend the annual Graduate Student Summer Conference, alumni reunions, and career-enhancing summer workshops and seminars.

As members of the Honors Academy, Mellon Mays fellows are able to register early. They also have access to the Honors Academy lounge and seminar room.

To learn more about the
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship
at Brooklyn College,
please visit the Honors Academy Commons,
Room 2231 Boylan Hall.

You may also call the
Honors Academy at 718.951.4114
or email mmuf@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

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