



Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

program targets students with exceptional academic promise and potential for careers that will contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in the academy. The goal of the MMUF program is to prepare Fellows for success as graduate students and faculty members so that they can become important leaders and role models in higher education.

Fellows will develop their research and analytical skills and gain an understanding of life in academia. They will learn about the contribution of minority faculty and other prominent faculty of color, including Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. Ultimately, the MMUF program at UC Berkeley will prepare Fellows to enter graduate school in Mellon-designated fields of study and earn a doctoral degree.

The MMUF program provides academic year and summer stipends, professional skill development, travel and research grants, guidance and mentorship, role models, and opportunities to network with MMUF Fellows nationwide.

Berkeley website:
www.mellonmays.berkeley.edu

National Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship
www.mmuf.org

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Fellow, Victor Gonzalez presenting at MMUF conference

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University of California, Berkeley
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A fellowship for Arts & Humanities and Social Science undergraduate students

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Applications will be reviewed immediately following the March, 5, 2012 and September 17, 2012 deadlines

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program at UC Berkeley



Faculty mentor Prof. Na'ilah Suad Nasir and Fellow Jasmine Smith

BENEFITS

Undergraduate Fellows receive:

- Faculty mentorship
- Research training
- Professional skill development
- Graduate school preparation
- Two academic year stipends of **\$3,600** each
- Two summer stipends of **\$3,900** each
- Two travel grants of **\$600** each
- **\$400** research grant
- GRE prep assistance
- **\$10,000** undergraduate loan repayment
- Networking with MMUF Fellows nationwide

DEADLINES

March 5, 2012

September 17, 2012

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Summer 2012

- Develop research skills through introduction to literature review, writing, and library research
- Participate in a summer research program

Junior Year

- Learn about the MMUF program and the life of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
- Develop in-depth research skills guided by faculty mentor
- Learn about graduate school and application process
- Learn about the activities involved in being a faculty member
- Participate in workshops, professionalizing activities

Summer 2013

- Collaborate with faculty mentor to develop and begin larger research project
- Continue developing research skills through summer programs or beginning senior thesis or project

Senior Year

- Conduct a senior thesis or participate in honors research project
- Continue with graduate school preparation and application process
- Attend graduate preparation and professional enhancement workshops
- Participate in field trips to prospective graduate schools and cultural activities



Graduate Mellon students & MMUF Fellows

ELIGIBILITY

- Second semester Sophomore standing (or Junior with 4 academic year semesters remaining at UC Berkeley)
- Approximately 3.4 GPA or higher
- Official academic transcript(s)
- College-level writing sample
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (see website)
- Current academic semester schedule
- Plan of study through senior year
- Must have applied to a summer research program

SELECTION CRITERIA

For more information, see the MMUF website
www.mellonmays.berkeley.edu

- Academic promise in MMUF-supported field
- Motivation and maturity for graduate study
- Intellectual potential in MMUF field of study
- Application to a summer research program.
Examples at:
<http://mellonmays.berkeley.edu/resources.html>
- Commitment to all MMUF program activities
- Leadership as a mentor to African American, Chicano/Latino, and Native American students
- Contribution to diversity in student's field(s) of study
- Background and experience living or working with African American, Chicano/Latino or Native American communities
- Demonstrated commitment to the following:
 - ❖ Understanding the barriers faced by underrepresented minorities
 - ❖ Breaking down stereotypes
 - ❖ Increasing understanding across racial and ethnic groups
- Status as a U.S. citizen or permanent resident