The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) is designed for outstanding students who are strongly interested in pursuing a doctoral degree in selected fields and a career as a college or university professor.

MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (MMUF)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 15, 2015

For seven quarters while they are at UCLA, Mellon Mays fellows work closely with their faculty mentors and our team of MMUF graduate mentors. Through workshops and one-on-one sessions, fellows sharpen their skills in research, writing, and public speaking. They are also coached through the graduate school application process: they take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) preparation courses and learn how to write successful statements of purpose.

MMUF benefits do not end when fellows graduate from UCLA. When they enter doctoral programs in Mellon-designated fields, fellows become eligible for workshops, retreats, and other professional development opportunities designed for each stage of their academic career. Furthermore, fellows are eligible for repayment of up to $10,000 of undergraduate and graduate loans.*

The MMUF program is named in honor of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays (1894-1984), educator, scholar, college president, and civil rights activist. The goal of the program, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is to diversify the professoriate by increasing the number of faculty from underrepresented groups and also to support those with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities in higher education. For more information about the MMUF program, see http://www.mmuf.org/.

UCLA MMUF SELECTION CRITERIA: The UCLA MMUF program includes intensive undergraduate research, completion of a senior thesis project, and preparation for graduate school. Students interested in applying for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship must meet the following criteria:

- Junior standing (at least 90 units), and a Spring or Summer 2017 Degree Expected Date. Transfer students are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Minimum 3.25 GPA (transfer students exempt)
- US citizenship or permanent resident status
- Commitment to research and intention to enroll in a PhD program
- Superb scholarly promise in a major that includes work in one of the following Mellon-designated fields at UCLA:

  **Social Sciences and Humanities:**
  - Anthropology and Archaeology
  - Geography and Population Studies
  - Sociology
  - Art History
  - Classics
  - English/Comparative Literature
  - Musicology and Ethnomusicology
  - Foreign Languages and Literatures
  - History
  - Linguistics
  - Philosophy and Political Theory
  - Religion and Theology
  - Area/Cultural/Ethnic/Gender Studies

  **Arts (theoretical focus only):**
  - Performance Studies
  - Theater
  - Film, Cinema and Media Studies

Other areas of study may be eligible if they have one or more Mellon fields at their core. Please consult with our staff if you have questions regarding this requirement.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit an Undergraduate Research Fellows Program Application on MyUCLA. The application period opens in early October. To access and submit the application, choose “Survey” in your MyUCLA Features menu. The application requires a research statement, personal statement, and a letter of recommendation from your faculty mentor. In the application survey, click the box for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. If you are applying to other fellowships that use the same form (McNair or URFP), you only need to fill out the application form once. Your faculty mentor should send the recommendation letter to the Undergraduate Research Center directly via e-mail or hard copy.
## MMUF Program Overview

### Year 1 – Junior Year

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| **Summer/Fall Quarter** | • Determine research discipline, interests, and possible focus  
• Identify a faculty mentor  
• Meet with MMUF graduate mentor(s) to discuss MMUF program  
• Apply for Departmental Honors Program, if applicable (deadlines vary by department)  
• Apply for MMUF by November 15th |
| **Winter Quarter ($1,100)** | • Begin faculty-mentored research through the Student Research Program (SRP Contract Course 99)  
• Enroll in the research methods course Honors 101: Research Today: Sources, Tools, and Strategies  
• Enroll in Honors 101J: Mellon Mays Research Seminar (2 units, 2 hours per week)  
• Apply for off-campus summer research programs |
| **Spring Quarter ($1,100)** | • Continue faculty-mentored research through the Student Research Program (SRP Contract Course 99)  
• Enroll in Honors 101J: Mellon Mays Research Seminar (2 units, 2 hours per week)  
• Write proposal for senior thesis  
• Attend UCLA Graduate Division seminar on applying to graduate school  
• Attend Undergraduate Research Week  
• Take the GRE preparation course (course can also be taken at UCLA in summer)  
• Submit to the *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal*  
• Apply to the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP) by June 15th |
| **Summer 1 ($3,900)** | • Attend off-campus summer research program  
• Correspond regularly with graduate mentor(s) and program coordinators  
• Prepare for and take the GRE |

### Year 2 – Senior Year

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| **Fall Quarter ($1,666)** | • Enroll in upper-level research course (198 or 199) with faculty mentor  
• Enroll in Honors 101J: Mellon Mays Research Seminar (2 units, 2 hours per week)  
• Work on senior thesis  
• Complete applications to graduate school  
• Apply to MMUF West Coast Regional Conference  
• Present at MMUF West Coast Regional Conference |
| **Winter Quarter ($1,666)** | • Enroll in and complete upper-level research course (198 or 199) with faculty mentor  
• Enroll in Honors 101J: Mellon Mays Research Seminar (2 units, 2 hours per week)  
• Work on senior thesis |
| **Spring Quarter ($1,666)** | • Enroll in and complete upper-level research course (198 or 199) with faculty mentor  
• Enroll in Honors 101J: Mellon Mays Research Seminar (2 units, 2 hours per week)  
• Present research at Undergraduate Research Week (May)  
• Attend MMUF program senior dinner at UCLA  
• Graduate with B.A. degree!  
• Complete and submit senior thesis  
• Apply for SSRC's Graduate Student Summer Conference |
| **Summer 2 ($3,900)** | • Continue research  
• Meet regularly with graduate mentor(s) and program coordinators |

* NOTE: Fellows entering PhD programs in Mellon-designed fields within 39 months of graduation from their undergraduate institutions are eligible for repayment for their undergraduate loans up to a maximum of $10,000. For more information, contact the Undergraduate Research Center - Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences. The Loan Payment schedule will be coordinated with the UCLA Financial Aid Office in accordance with Mellon guidelines. See our website for further information about the MMUF Program at [http://hass.ugresearch.ucla.edu/mmuf.htm](http://hass.ugresearch.ucla.edu/mmuf.htm)*

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