

# Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program

## APPLICATION FORM 2009



Cornell University

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Last Name		First	M.I.
E-Mail Address		Date of Birth	Student ID Number
Current Street Address		Current City, State, Zip	Current Telephone
Permanent Street Address		Permanent City, State, Zip	Permanent Telephone
Expected Major	Expected Graduation Date	Ethnic Origin (circle any that apply):  African American Hispanic American Indian Caucasian Asian Other: _____	Citizenship (must be US citizen or permanent resident)

### Purpose

This program, sponsored by Cornell University and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, was established in response to national concerns about diversifying higher education. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation supports this fellowship program, which encourages Native Americans, Latino/as, and African-Americans) and other U.S. citizens and permanent residents with a demonstrable commitment to increasing cross-racial and ethnic understanding to pursue academic careers in Mellon-designated fields.

### Description

Selection into the program will be based upon application essays (see instructions below), faculty endorsements, and academic achievement. Up to five (5) Mellon Fellows will be selected each year (normally at the end of their sophomore year) to participate in the program. Each fellow will have the opportunity to work closely throughout his or her undergraduate years at Cornell with a faculty mentor with similar academic interests. Together, the two will plan a set of summer and academic-year activities designed to help the student develop the student's project proposal into a finished scholarly paper and explore the possibility of pursuing a Ph.D. in a Mellon-designated field after graduation.

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## Description (continued)

Mellon Fellows are awarded stipends for their work both during the academic year and in the summer, and are provided a modest travel allowance yearly. In addition, the Mellon Foundation, in an effort to remove the financial burden of a college education that might prevent students from pursuing graduate work, will repay up to \$10,000 of the student's undergraduate loans upon completion of a Ph.D. in a Mellon-designated field. (Financial need is not a criterion for selection.)

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## Instructions for completing the application process

REFERENCES	ESSAYS
<p data-bbox="201 842 764 894">Please ask one or more faculty members to write letters of recommendation for you. List their names here.</p> <p data-bbox="261 1031 607 1041">_____</p> <p data-bbox="256 1192 643 1203">_____</p> <p data-bbox="201 1287 747 1392">Ask these faculty members to mail recommendations directly to Kelli Bucci, Office of Advising and Admissions, College of Arts and Sciences, 172 Goldwin Smith Hall.</p>	<p data-bbox="850 842 1360 1304">1. Prepare an essay of 3 pages (typed, double-spaced), in which you propose a research project to be developed over the next two years. You should describe <b>as concretely as possible</b> the question(s) you are attempting to answer and how you will go about answering it/them; and supply names of one or two faculty members whom you think might be good mentors for your project.</p> <p data-bbox="850 1087 1360 1304">2. Prepare an essay of 1 to 2 pages (typed, double-spaced), in which you describe how you have demonstrated your commitment to increasing opportunities for underrepresented minorities, breaking down stereotypes, increasing cross-racial and ethnic understanding, and/or enabling others to better understand persons of different races and ethnicities.</p>

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## Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

*Applications should be sent to Kelli Bucci, Office of Advising and Admissions, College of Arts and Sciences, 172 Goldwin Smith Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-3201, by the deadline (please call 607-255-4833 for date).*

*If you have questions about this program, please contact Myra Sabir at 255.4833.*