

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program Faculty Mentor Letter of Recommendation

Applicants: please complete this first section and provide this form to your faculty recommender.

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for _____, who is applying for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship program.

The student named above (*check one*):

- has agreed to waive access to this letter of recommendation as provided by FERPA.
 - has not agreed to waive access to this letter of recommendation as provided by FERPA.
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Faculty Recommender Information

The primary objective of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship 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. The UCLA MMUF program is designed for students in Mellon-designated humanities and social science fields who wish to pursue a PhD and a career in the academy. More information about the program may be found at: <http://hass.ugresearch.ucla.edu/mmuf.htm>.

MMUF is a 2-year program, beginning winter quarter of the junior year. Fellows are expected to engage in research with a faculty mentor during the academic year (through 99, 199, or 198 research courses) and to complete a senior thesis project. The MMUF program also includes summer research opportunities and graduate school preparation.

In your letter of support, please:

- Confirm that the student has informed you as to whether he/she does or does not waive access to this letter
- Confirm that you have agreed to mentor this MMUF applicant
- Address the student's research skills and ability to complete a comprehensive research project.

The letter may be addressed to Dr. Patricia Turner, Dean and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

Please send your letter of recommendation no later than **November 15th** to:

urhass@college.ucla.edu

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Thank you for agreeing to mentor this MMUF applicant and for supporting his or her research endeavors.