

## Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Program Application

**Overview:** A program for students majoring in the Humanities or humanistic Social Sciences (current CSUF sophomores or juniors who are anticipating graduating in Spring 2026) who are committed to exploring graduate education and a career pathway towards becoming a college or university professor.

### CSUF Student Application Form

Please complete this application form including all attachments and supplementary materials, save in PDF format, and submit via email ([sagrant@fullerton.edu](mailto:sagrant@fullerton.edu)) by the deadline on **Friday, March 29 at 5:00 pm PST**.

Please use the subject line: **MMUF Student Application**.

Address any questions about the application process and form to Dr. Sarah Grant, MMUF Faculty Coordinator via email ([sagrant@fullerton.edu](mailto:sagrant@fullerton.edu)). Your application should include the following components saved in one PDF:

1. Application form
2. Two short essays

### The MMUF Award (Summer 2024-Spring 2026)

**\$4000** stipend for each of the two academic years (2024/2025 and 2025/2026)

**\$4500** stipend for each of two summer programs (2024 and 2025), faculty mentoring, academic programming, no-cost GRE preparation, financial support for expenses related to research and graduate applications, and up to **\$10,000** for undergraduate loan repayment with successful and minimum enrollment in a Ph.D. program.

### I. Personal Information

Full name:

CWID:

E-mail address:

### II. Gender (check all that apply):

Man

Woman

Transgender

Gender Queer

Other

*Please specify:*

### III. Ethnicity/Race (check all that apply):

African American/Black

American Indian, Alaskan Native

Asian American/Asian Pacific Islander

Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano/Chicana, Latinx

Multiracial

Puerto Rican

White (non-Hispanic)

Other Latino/Hispanic

Other *Please specify:*

### IV. Academic Standing

Undergraduate Major(s):

Undergraduate Minor(s):

Major Department:

Check all programs (below) in which you participate. Note: participation in these programs is not a requirement for a successful MMUF application.

CSUF Honors Program

McNair Scholars Program

President's Scholars Program

Guardian Scholars Program

Are you a transfer student?

Yes

No

If "yes," from which college:

Cumulative GPA:

Major GPA:

Please list any scholarships and/or fellowships you have received since arriving at CSUF:

## V. MMUF Essays

Please attach two brief essays (Times New Roman 12 pt, double spaced):

Save these shorts essays with your name and “Short Essay #\_” in the heading and append them to your application in PDF form.

**Essay Prompt #1:** How do your personal life experiences, academic, and extracurricular interests contribute to furthering the Mellon Mays goal of a diverse academy? You should reflect on the history of the MMUF program and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays in this essay

**Essay Prompt #2:** Describe your research interests in the humanities and/or humanistic social sciences and explain how attaining a Ph.D. will enable you to further this research.

## VI. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Sophomore or junior standing at the time of application (expected graduation date of Spring 2026; graduation dates of Spring 2025 will be considered on a case by case basis with consultation)
- Academic promise with a 3.3 minimum GPA;
- Interest in pursuing **graduate education, especially a PhD**, in an eligible discipline of the humanities or humanistic social sciences (see below)
- Potential for serving as a mentor and teacher for a wide variety of students;
- Activities and leadership that reflect an interest in social justice issues and the promotion of multivocality;
- Availability for, and commitment to, full and enthusiastic participation in all aspects of the MMUF program, including attendance at conferences and regular meetings;
- Status as a US citizen, permanent resident, as well as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or undocumented status.

## **VII. Signature**

By signing and dating this form, you endorse your application and give CSUF permission to access your current transcript (Titan Degree Audit), which will become part of your MMUF file. Likewise, you affirm that, if selected as a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, you are committed to participating in all MMUF program activities and pursuing your interest in a college or university career in the Humanities or humanistic Social Sciences. Additionally, you affirm that all the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Signature:

Today's date:

**Please note that Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

All shortlisted/finalist applicants will be invited to interviews with the selection committee.