



**MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**  
**Letter of Recommendation Form**

*To be completed by the Applicant:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

*In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, candidates may wish to waive their rights to see their recommendation letters. Please select only one option below:*

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*I agree to waive my right to see my recommendation letters.*

*I do not agree to waive my right to see my recommendation letters.*

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*To be completed by the Faculty:*

The above-named student is applying for a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. Through the generosity of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, this highly competitive program provides intensive intellectual and social support for eligible students committed to increasing diversity in the faculty ranks of institutions of higher learning. Under the terms of the Mellon Mays grant, participation in the program is open to talented undergraduates who are planning graduate study toward a PhD in a Mellon-designated field, including *Anthropology & Archaeology, Area/Cultural/Ethnic/Gender Studies, Art History, Classics, English, Film/Cinema/Media Studies, Foreign Languages & Literatures, Geography & Population Studies, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Linguistics, Musicology & Ethnomusicology, Music Theory, Performance Studies, Philosophy & Political Theory, Religion & Theology, Sociology and Theater*. For more information about the far-reaching work of the program in the promotion of diversity and academic excellence in graduate education, visit [mmuf.org](http://mmuf.org).

If selected, the student is expected to work closely with a faculty mentor through their junior and senior years as well as the summer preceding those years on a research project. Mellon fellows receive semester and summer stipends and are expected to work closely with their mentors on their graduate school application materials during their senior year. Program participation begins the summer following the sophomore year with mandatory participation in the MMUF Summer Research Program.

Your evaluation will be confidential. We would appreciate your taking the time to complete this reference form returning it to the applicant in a sealed envelope or emailing the completed faculty statement to Luz Cordoba ([lcordoba@bowdoin.edu](mailto:lcordoba@bowdoin.edu)) and Cathy Cryvoff ([ccryvoff@bowdoin.edu](mailto:ccryvoff@bowdoin.edu)) by **Friday, February 15, 2019**.

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Faculty Advisory Committee [Professors Guy Mark Foster, Marcos Lopez, H. Roy Partridge, and Professor Hanétha Vété-Congolo] will select semi-finalists and interview in early April.



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Extension: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CANDID RESPONSE

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the applicant perform in your course(s):

	<i>Outstanding</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Academic performance, intellectual ability and promise						
Communicative and writing ability						
Maturity and self-confidence						
Leadership potential and ability to work collaboratively with others						
Potential for conducting independent research						
Motivation for advanced graduate work						

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Considering the goals of the MMUF Program, **please attach a letter** to this form addressing the applicant's potential for graduate study and a career in research and teaching. Include the criterion on which you base your judgments and how that relates to the applicant.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program is most grateful for your assistance.



Dr. Benjamin E. Mays