Are You Interested in Becoming a College Professor?

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship helps train you to attain a Ph.D. and become a college professor who does research and teaching in their field of specialization. The program is built around a community of scholars, including both a cohort of fellows here at Bryn Mawr and the wider Mellon Mays network. MMUF’s goal is to increase the number of faculty of color and faculty dedicated to diversifying and transforming academia by helping you confidently navigate academia.

Research and Mentorship

- Fellows pursue independent research projects during their time in the program, including over the summer(s). This usually becomes a fellow’s senior thesis
- Each fellow selects at least one mentor, with whom they meet semi-weekly
- Mentor(s) help fellows plan and pursue research projects, as well as helping fellows identify potential Ph.D. programs

Intellectual Community

- Weekly meetings with fellows and coordinators
- Workshops over the course of the year, including: How to Plan a Research Project, Applying to Grad School, Self-Care & Stress Management, Abstract Writing, Conference Presentations & Networking, Financial Literacy & Planning
- Guest graduate student and faculty of color speakers
- Meet and share work with other Fellows at the annual MMUF Regional Conference

Funding

- $3,600 during each Academic Year and $3,900 during each Summer
- Additional funds for GRE preparation, research, and academic travel
- Post-grad benefits, including loan repayment and graduate research funding

Who Can Apply:

- Students who are interested in being trained to become college professors
- Students of color, or any student committed to eradicating racial disparities in academia
- Sophomores and juniors
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents regardless of status
- Students whose (intended) major is in one of the MMUF-designated social science or humanities fields (view list of Eligible Fields)

For more information visit https://www.brynmawr.edu/mellon and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ho1kXOAdGVU