

APPLICATION

MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP (MMUF)

WILLIAMS COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (WCURF)

The MMUF and WCURF are fellowships that work to increase the number of students from historically underrepresented groups who pursue graduate school and academic careers. Both fellowships provide qualified and eligible students opportunities to engage in research under the supervision of faculty mentors and programming designed to prepare them for graduate school. We are currently recruiting sophomores who have an interest in research and are strongly considering pursuing a PhD after Williams.

For both programs, we are looking for students with academic promise, who have the potential to serve as mentors and teachers for a wide variety of students, and who will commit to participating fully and enthusiastically in all aspects of the fellowship programs. **Additional criteria to be weighed in the selection process are:**

MMUF:

- interest in pursuing a PhD in one of the following fields: anthropology, area studies, art history, classics, computer science, demography, earth science, ecology, English, ethnomusicology, foreign languages, geology, history, literature, mathematics, musicology, philosophy, physics, political theory, religion, sociology;
- status as a US citizen and/or permanent resident;
- race and ethnicity (in relation to underrepresentation in designated fields of study);
- demonstrated commitment to increasing opportunities for underrepresented minorities, breaking down stereotypes, increasing cross-racial and ethnic understanding, and enabling others to better understand persons of different races and ethnicities.

WCURF:

- interest in pursuing a PhD in any field;
 - status as at least one of the following:
 - first generation college student,
 - African American, Latino/a, Asian American, Native American,
 - non-US citizen of African, Hispanic, or Asian descent.
- *Preference may be given to candidates who meet more than one eligibility requirement and/or based upon underrepresentation in proposed field of study.

Program Requirements:

- ten weeks of full-time research during the summers after sophomore and junior years;
- participation in the Summer Research Colloquium after sophomore year;
- ongoing research during the semesters in lieu of campus jobs;
- full participation in fellowship-related programs;
- maintenance of a strong working relationship with a faculty mentor;
- regular contact with and completion of all paperwork required by the Office of Special Academic Programs.

Please complete all application materials and return them to the Office of Special Academic Programs in Hardy House on or before February 14th. If you are eligible for both programs, you may apply for both. Once you have submitted a complete application, you may be called for an interview.

For more information, go to: www.williams.edu/go/osap. If you have any questions regarding the MMUF or WCURF programs, please contact Bob Blay, Assistant, or Stewart Burns, Coordinator:

Special Academic Programs

Hardy House, 2nd floor

597-3747

Robert.A.Blav@Williams.edu or Stewart.Burns@Williams.edu

I wish to be considered for:

- MMUF
- WCURF
- both

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Student ID number _____

College Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____

SU Box: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

DOB _____ Sex _____ Citizenship _____ Race/Ethnicity _____

Intended Major(s) _____

B. Please give the attached recommendation forms to two Williams professors. List their names and departments below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**C. Please ask the Office of the Registrar to send a copy of your transcript to:
Special Academic Programs, Hardy House.**

D. Please respond to the following questions on attached, typed pages:

- 1. Describe and explain your graduate school interests. What types of programs interest you and why? (~100 words)**
- 2. Include a statement about whom you would like to work with as a faculty mentor and why. Has s/he agreed to serve as your mentor? (~100 words)**
- 3. Describe the research you would like to conduct if you become a fellow. Please also mention relevant research experience you have had and/or explain how participation in the fellowship program will fit into your long-range goals. (~ 500 words)**

By signing here, you are indicating that all of the information contained within this application is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Letter of Recommendation

Name of Applicant _____

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___ I hereby waive my right to examine this letter and understand that it will not be shared with me.

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Signature _____ Date _____

To the Recommender:

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How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity? _____

Please evaluate the candidate's: outstanding above average average below average

	outstanding	above average	average	below average
potential for graduate level work				
maturity				
readiness to work independently				
commitment to academic and personal goals				

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