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February 3, 2020

Dear Student,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to apply for the **Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship**. The Fellowship, now in its thirtieth year at Queens College, supports exceptional **undergraduates** who plan to attain the Ph.D. and teach at the college level.

Eligible students should be **sophomores** with a **GPA** of **3.3** or above who identify themselves as minority students and others with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities and promoting racial and ethnic understanding. Students must be willing to pursue graduate study in one of the following **Mellon-designated fields**:

Anthropology	Linguistics
Area/Cultural/Ethnic/Gender Studies	Literature
Art History	Musicology, Ethnomusicology and
Classics	Music Theory
English	Performance Studies (theoretical focus)
Film, Cinema and Media Studies (theoretical focus)	Philosophy
Foreign Languages and Literatures	Political Theory
Geography and Population Studies	Religion and Theology
History	Sociology
	Theater (theoretical focus)

I urge you to consider applying for this fellowship. Applications are due for the Fall 2020 semester by Monday, April 20, 2020. **There will be an Open House for prospective Fellows on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in Honors Hall, room 8 from 12:15 – 1:30 pm.**

Please read the information on the Mellon Mays Fellowship and the short biography of Dr. Benjamin Mays at: <https://www.mmuf.org/about/dr-benjamin-e-mays> (the MMUF Website).

Students selected for the fellowship receive two years of financial aid and intellectual support. In addition to receiving tuition reimbursement and a monthly stipend during the academic year, they work closely with a faculty mentor to prepare for advanced study in their fields.

If you cannot attend the Open House, please do not hesitate to call my office 718-997-5342, or the Office of Honors and Scholarships 718-997-5642 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Francois Pierre-Louis, Coordinator