

# **The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program**



# Information Session

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**What is the MMUF  
program? What are its  
overarching goals?**



- ✱ The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation founded the program to diversify the professoriate
- ✱ Acceptance of an offer into the program represents a serious two-year commitment
- ✱ Designed to prepare you for a doctorate program and, eventually, a career as an academic
- ✱ Cornerstones of the program:
  - ✱ Independent research
  - ✱ Relationship with a faculty mentor
  - ✱ Demystification of and introduction to the academic culture



**Are you eligible to apply?**



- \* American citizen
- \* GPA of 3.0 or above
- \* A strong interest in earning your PhD and becoming a professor in one of the Mellon approved fields
- \* A prospective faculty mentor
- \* A prospective research project
- \* A major in one of the Mellon fields of study



# Mellon Fields of Study

Anthropology & Archaeology

Area/Cultural/Ethnic/Gender Studies

Art History

Classics

Geography & Population Studies

English

Film, Cinema, & Media Studies

Musicology & Ethnomusicology

Foreign Languages & Literatures

History

Linguistics

Literature

Performance Studies (theoretical)

Philosophy & Political Theory

Religion & Theology

Sociology

Theater (theoretical)

Interdisciplinary Studies (with one or more Mellon fields at their core, subject to foundation approval)



**What is the Bryn Mawr  
program like?**



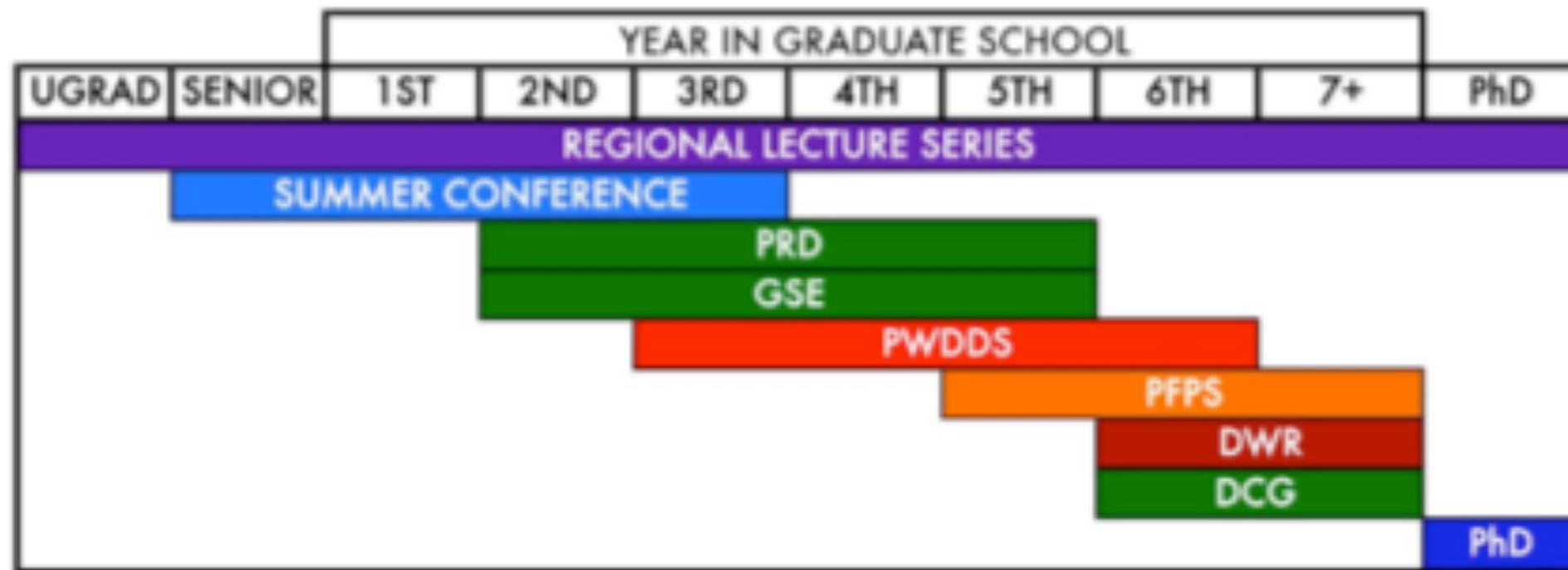
- ✱ BMC is one of the founding institutions, and has been a part of the program since its founding in 1988
- ✱ Weekly meetings during the academic year (e.g., writing workshops, opportunities for cohort members to help each other, stressbusters, fun outings, community leaders coming to share their experiences, etc.)
- ✱ Regular assignments and check-ins with coordinators



**What are the benefits of  
the program?**



## SSRC-MELLON MAYS GRADUATE INITIATIVES ELIGIBILITY TIMELINE



RLS	.....	Regional Lecture Series
SC	.....	Graduate Student Summer Conference
PRD	.....	Predocutorial Research Development Grant
GSE	.....	Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant
PWDDS	.....	Proposal Writing and Dissertation Development Seminar
PFPS	.....	Preparing for the Professoriate Seminar
DWR	.....	Dissertation Writing Retreat
DCG	.....	Dissertation Completion Grant
PhD	.....	Postdoctoral Fellows Retreat



**How do you apply?**



- \* The application is available on the Bryn Mawr MMUF website (<http://www.brynmawr.edu/mellon/application>)
- \* The application is an electronic one, so you, your recommenders, and the registrar all use the Wufoo platform to submit materials
- \* We require an application form, a transcript, a personal statement, a writing sample, and two letters of recommendation.
- \* All materials are due in early February.



# Questions?

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