

## Who is Eligible to Apply to Emory's MMUF Program?

1. Rising Juniors with a preferred minimum GPA of 3.2.
2. Study in one of the many designated fields or disciplines.
3. Demonstrate a commitment to increasing the presence of African Americans, Hispanics/Latinxs, and Native Americans in the academy.
4. Express serious interest in pursuing graduate studies leading to a Ph.D. in one of the humanities or a select group of disciplines in the sciences and social sciences.

## Disciplinary Areas

Anthropology/  
Archaeology  
Area/Cultural/Ethnic/  
Gender Studies  
Art History  
Classics  
Geography and  
Population Studies  
English  
Film/Cinema/Media  
Studies (theoretical  
focus)  
Musicology &  
Ethnomusicology  
Foreign Languages  
and Literatures  
History  
Linguistics  
Literature

Performance Studies  
(theoretical focus)  
Philosophy and  
Political Theory  
Religion and  
Theology  
Sociology  
Theater (non-  
performance focus)

*\*Other fields that  
employ historical and  
philosophical  
methods may also  
be eligible. Please  
contact Dr. Dianne  
Stewart, coordinator  
of Emory's MMUF  
program, if your  
field is not listed.*

## How to Apply?

1. Contact Emory's MMUF Coordinators for more information:

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MMUF Program Coordinator

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2. Applications will open in the Spring and are due March 1, 2024. Interested applicants should visit the "Apply" page of the website to learn more.



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## Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program

*MMUF aims to achieve its mission  
by identifying and supporting  
students of great promise and  
helping them become scholars of  
the highest distinction.*

## Who is Benjamin E. Mays?

Benjamin Elijah Mays was born in 1895 in South Carolina and graduated from Bates College in Maine in 1920. He attended the University of Chicago for his master's and doctorate degrees. He taught at Morehouse College and at South Carolina State College. From 1934 to 1940, he served as Dean of Howard University's School of Religion and then became the President of Morehouse College. He also served his community, becoming the first black president of the Atlanta school board. Among his books were the first sociological study of African-American religion, *The Negro's Church*, *The Negro's God*, *Disturbed about Man*, and his autobiography, *Born to Rebel*.

## MMUF History

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation was established as a nonprofit philanthropic organization in June of 1969 with a mission to "aid and promote such religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes as may be in the furtherance of the public welfare or tend to promote the well-doing or well-being of mankind." In 1988, under this broad charter, the Foundation made a long-term commitment to help remedy the serious shortage of faculty of color in higher education through the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) program. The fundamental objective of the MMUF is to increase the number of minority students and others committed to diversity in higher education,

who will pursue PhDs in core fields in the arts and sciences. The program aims to reduce over time the serious underrepresentation on the faculties of American colleges and universities of individuals from certain minority groups, as well as to address the attendant educational consequences of these disparities. The current program director is Dr. Armando Bengochea. The MMUF program now has a membership of 50 American colleges and universities, 39 UNCF member institutions, and three South African universities.

### MMUF Program Statistics at a Glance as of 2023:

**Total of selected MMUF students:** Over 6,000

**MMUF PhDs:** Over 1,100

**MMUF tenured faculty members:** Over 500

## Emory MMUF Expectations

**1.** Attend the MMUF Summer Institute held for the entire month of June.

**2.** Attend monthly meetings with coordinators and graduate mentors.

**3.** Attend regular semester advisory meetings with mentor, coordinators, and graduate student mentors.

**4.** Attend annual regional conferences and deliver research presentations (SERC and Emory's MMUF Research Conference).

**5.** Uphold professional standards of collegiality and academic citizenship.

**6.** Update Annual MMUF Profile at the National Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program website.

## Benefits

- 1.** Receive a stipend of \$4000 per academic year (\$2000 per semester) for conducting and producing a research project.
- 2.** Receive up to \$4500 of summer funding toward research project development.
- 3.** Receive up to \$1300 toward GRE prep and graduate school application fees.
- 4.** Receive ongoing mentoring, research support, and professional guidance from faculty members, coordinators, and graduate students.
- 5.** Receive up to \$800 in scholar development funds per academic year for fellow travel and research.
- 7.** Fellows who enroll in Ph.D. programs no later than 39 months after receiving the B.A. are eligible for the Loan Repayment program.
- 8.** Opportunities to learn about and participate in additional affiliate undergraduate programs, for example:

**Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute**

**Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT) Summer Workshop and Association Program**

**Moore Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (MURAP)**