



Transforming the Academy

Brown Mellon Mays alumni are pursuing doctoral study at Columbia University, University of California at Berkeley, Princeton University, University of Southern California, University of Chicago, Duke University, Yale University, and others. Nationally, over five hundred Fellows, including twenty Brown alumni, have earned their PhD and are now employed at colleges and universities throughout the country.



Application Process

Please visit www.brown.edu/college/mmuf for more details about the application, which includes:

- Statement of purpose
- 2 faculty recommendation letters (not from graduate students)
- Résumé
- Internal Academic Record

Submit all application materials via UFUNDS at <http://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds> by **March 3rd**



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Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program



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Mission

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program aims to increase the number of underrepresented minorities, and others with a demonstrated commitment to eradicating racial disparities, who pursue PhDs in key fields.

MMUF identifies and supports students of great promise and helps them become scholars of the highest distinction.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

A son of former slaves, Dr. Mays was an educator, scholar, minister, social activist, and the president of Morehouse College. At Morehouse, where his advisees included Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Mays cultivated a unique mentoring style that integrated academic excellence with a concern for social justice. After retiring from Morehouse, Dr. Mays served as advisor to Presidents Johnson and Carter and was a member of the Advisory Council of the Peace Corps and the National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. The program is named in honor of Dr. Mays' character, integrity, and legacy as an educator.

“Education is designed to train the mind to think clearly, logically, and constructively; to train the heart to feel... the aspirations, the sufferings, the injustices of mankind; and to strengthen the will to act in the interest of the common good.”

– DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYS, 1960



Benefits

- Mentoring throughout the junior and senior years
- \$1800 per semester for 4 semesters, \$3900 per summer for 2 summers
- Research travel grants up to \$1600
- Graduate school support
- Loan repayment up to \$10,000
- A community of scholars – over 3000 Fellows nationally at the undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral levels who want to make a difference in the academy



Eligibility

- Interest in pursuing a PhD in a Mellon-designated field
- Demonstrated commitment to increasing opportunities for underrepresented minorities, and promoting cross-racial and ethnic understanding
- Status as a US citizen or permanent resident
- Equivalent of a minimum 3.00 grade point average in your field of interest

Mellon-designated fields for Ph.D. study

- Anthropology & Archaeology
- Area/Ethnic/Gender Studies
- Art History
- Classics
- Computer Science
- Ecology & Environmental Science
- Ethnomusicology & Music
- Film/Media Studies
- Languages and Literatures
- Geology
- Geography
- Linguistics
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Theatre Arts and Performance Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Theory
- Physics and Astronomy
- Religion & Theology
- Sociology