

The Andrew W. Mellon Summer Academy and Undergraduate Curatorial Fellowship Program at the MFAH

DEADLINE: Friday, March 8, 2019

Please complete the following application materials:

• **APPLICATION FORM**

• **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please limit the personal statement to no more than 700 words (two typed pages, double-spaced). The personal statement should include information on:

- What interests you about the Mellon Summer Academy and Undergraduate Curatorial Fellowship Program? Why are you interested in learning about and possibly pursuing a career as a curator in an art museum?
- The program, which is supported by the Mellon Foundation, aims to expand the diversity of curatorial ranks in American art museums. Do you think this is important? Please explain.
- Describe why you consider yourself to be a student representing diversity in terms of culture, background, or experience, and why you feel committed to representing diverse perspectives. How do questions of diversity shape your academic interests?
- Explain, drawing on your extracurricular activities, areas of study, background or other experiences, how you can contribute to the Mellon Foundation's initiative?
- Provide an example of an experience where you were able to offer a diverse perspective to a project, discussion, or dialogue and explain the impact you had.

• **RESUME**

Please be sure to include:

- Contact information (current mailing address, email, and phone number)
- Current major
- Cumulative GPA
- Expected graduation date
- Relevant employment and volunteer experiences
- Languages and computer skills

• **ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Applicants must have one confidential letter of recommendation. A letter of recommendation can come from faculty at your college or university as well as from past or current employers who are familiar with your skills and abilities.

The letter of recommendation must be submitted via email to fellowship@mfa.org by the application deadline. The recommendation must come directly from the recommender's institutional email address and should clearly indicate the applicant's name in the subject line.

• **TRANSCRIPTS**

Please provide unofficial transcripts for your entire undergraduate career, including the college or university you currently attend and any you may have previously attended.

Application Submission Instructions:

Applicants should email all of the application materials (as a Word document or pdf), except for the letter of recommendation, to fellowship@mfa.org with the subject line "2019 Summer Academy Application." Please send your application materials (in the order listed) in ONE Word document or pdf file. Please give your application file the following title: applicant last name, 2019 Summer Academy.

If you have further questions, please visit mfa.org/mellonfellowship or email fellowship@mfa.org.