

**The Andrew W. Mellon Undergraduate Curatorial Fellowship Program
and Summer Academy**

**Application Instructions
DEADLINE: March 11, 2016**

Please complete the following application materials:

1. APPLICATION FORM

2. 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 Undergraduate Curatorial Fellowship Program and the Summer Academy? 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.

3. RESUME

Please be sure to include relevant employment and volunteer experiences, and computer and language skills.

4. 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 past or current employers who are familiar with your skills and abilities.

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

5. 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.

Applicants should e-mail all application materials, except for the letter of recommendation, to fellowship@mfah.org with the subject line "2016 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, 2016 Summer Academy.

Questions? Visit mfah.org/mellonfellowship to learn more about the Summer Academy and the Andrew W. Mellon Undergraduate Curatorial Fellowship Program.

If you have further questions, please e-mail fellowship@mfah.org.