

## **Preview of UC Riverside MMUF application questions:**

Prepare answers to the following questions/prompts and gather all required documents before attempting to submit your application online. You can find the application at <https://chassintranet.ucr.edu/cis/instructions.do>

**Are you a UCR student?** Yes No

**If Yes, what is your student ID#:**

**Citizenship:** 1) U.S. Citizen 2) Other (please specify) 3) Permanent Resident

**Please indicate if you identify as one of the following:**

- 1) African-American/Black 2) Latino/Latina 3) White/Caucasian
- 4) Asian/Asian-American (please specify) 5) Native American, Alaskan Native (please specify) 6) Other under-represented group (please specify) 7) Decline to State

**The Mellon Mays program provides financial support for students interested in pursuing graduate studies in certain fields. If you go on to graduate school which of these eligible fields of graduate studies are you interested in pursuing?**

Check one or more. (Drop down list of graduate fields.)

**How did you hear about the Mellon Mays program at UCR?**

**Do you plan on enrolling at UCR for two more academic years?**

**By the end of spring quarter 2017, will you have completed your sophomore year (90 units)**

**Are you a transfer student?**

If Yes, What institution are you transferring from?

**What is your expected date of graduation?**

**What is your cumulative GPA:**

**What is your major?**

**Do you intend to pursue a second major or a minor?**

If Yes, explain:

**If selected as a Fellow, what is your proposed area or topic of research? Why is this topic relevant or important to you? (Up to 500 words)**

**Have you approached a UCR faculty member about mentoring your research?**

If yes, please provide name and department and your reason for selecting (Up to 100 words)

**List any HONORS, AWARDS, or ACHIEVEMENTS. (Up to 500 words)**

**List EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, VOLUNTEER or COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS. (Up to 500 words)**

**Provide the names, titles and email addresses for at least three people who will be submitting letters of recommendation on your behalf.** (At least two from faculty.) Your recommenders should email letters to mmuf@ucr.edu

**\*\*Attach the following documents in PDF format:**

- A current unofficial academic transcript;
- A completed paper that you submitted to a UCR or other college-level course;
- Proof of application to at least TWO summer research programs. Acceptable proof can include copies of confirmation emails and/or screenshots of completed submission forms. A suggested list of programs can be found at <http://www.mellonmays.ucr.edu/summer-programs/>
- A three-page personal essay that responds to the following prompt:

The life and career of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays exemplified academic excellence, leadership, integrity, community involvement and advocacy against discrimination and prejudice. (Dr. Mays' biography can be found at: <http://www.anb.org/articles/15/15-01112.html>). In a three-page essay (12 pt, Times New Roman, single spaced) describe your pursuit of academic excellence, your prior research experience, anticipated research goals, and your academic and/professional goals for the next 5 years. Discuss why you should be considered as a candidate for the Mellon Mays Fellowship and how your goals, interests and personal experiences reflect the values of Dr. May's life and the MMUF Program. Include information on any other authors/teachers, college courses and experiences that have influenced your understanding of social justice and/or diversity and the ways you have demonstrated commitment to social justice.

Reflecting on the following questions may help you in writing your essay:

*Why do I want to participate in the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship?*

*Why am I attracted to my chosen major field of study? In particular, what issues, questions, and themes attract and sustain my intellectual curiosity and why?*

*How will a PhD help me advance my career and achieve my goals?*

## Program Expectations and Requirements

Prospective applicants are expected to fulfill the requirements stated below:

- Engage in research over the course of two years and intend to enroll in a PhD program in one of the Mellon-designated fields within three years of graduation from UCR.
- Enroll in a Summer Research Program.
- Participate in mandatory weekly seminar meetings and other MMUF programming designed to prepare students for doctoral study.
- Meet regularly with a faculty mentor for the duration of the two-year fellowship.
- Design and complete an independent research project in consultation with a faculty mentor. (This project may be related to a senior honors thesis.)
- Be prepared to discuss and present research findings during seminar.
- Develop and submit progress reports each quarter signed by the mentor.
- Where possible, publish a full-length academic paper in the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal.
- Be in residence at UCR for the first quarter in the program before undertaking any EAP or UC/DC program.
- Attend at least two regional MMUF conferences and consider presenting at one of the conferences.
- Actively participate in the recruitment of next year's cohort of Mellon Mays Fellows.
- Maintain regular contact with the MMUF program office and adhere to program rules and regulations.
- Inform the program director if you are no longer interested in an academic career.
- Successfully complete undergraduate education at UCR

I have read and AGREE to the program requirements. (Click to agree)