Application for the Cal State LA Mellon Mayes Fellowship Program
Due Date: April 6, 2018

All students are welcome to apply to the MMUF Program; applications are particularly encouraged from African Americans, Chicana/os, /Latina/os, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, and members of other underrepresented groups in the humanities and humanistic social sciences.

Cal State LA MMUF applicants are required to have a minimum 3.2 GPA at the time of application, be on track to complete 48-60 semester units by the end of their second (sophomore) year/fourth semester and graduate in 2020.

By March 30, 2018, MMUF applicants must submit the following:

1. a 500-word personal essay describing interest in one of the MMUF-approved disciplines, potential career goals/interests in the professoriate, how the MMUF Program would be integral to their life history and academic goals, and what they hope to achieve in the program;

2. a 300-word essay describing their research interests or topics that they would like to develop in the program;

3. unofficial transcripts showing at least two introductory courses in the humanities and social sciences and declaration of an approved MMUF discipline as a major;

4. two letters of recommendation from faculty members who can document academic potential.

Applicants will be selected for Cal State LA’s MMUF Program based on the following criteria:

- Academic promise (e.g., GPA, recommendation letters, essay);
- Potential for a faculty career in academia in core Mellon fields of study, particularly in the arts, humanities, and humanistic social sciences;
- Contribution to diversity in their designated fields of study;
- Demonstrated commitment to understanding the barriers faced by underrepresented minorities, breaking down stereotypes, and increasing understanding across racial and ethnic groups;
- Willingness to consider graduate school in MMUF-approved humanities-based disciplines;
- Commitment to participating fully and enthusiastically in all aspects of the MMUF Program, including attendance at conferences, meetings, and activities; and
- Status as a US citizen, permanent resident, as well as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or undocumented status.

Completed applications, including personal essay, unofficial transcripts, and 2 letters of recommendation must be emailed to eochoa3@calstatela.edu no later than 6 p.m. on April 6, 2018.

For more information, please contact Enrique C. Ochoa, Faculty Coordinator of MMUF, at eochoa3@calstatela.edu.