



BOWDOIN COLLEGE  
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship  
*Letter of Recommendation Form*

**To be completed by the Applicant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

*In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, candidates may wish to waive their rights to see their recommendation letters. Please select only one option below:*

*I agree to waive my right to see my recommendation letter.*

*I do not agree to waive my right to see my recommendation letter.*

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The above student is applying for a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. The MMUF program is “the centerpiece of the Andrew S. Mellon Foundation’s initiatives to increase diversity in the faculty ranks of institutions of higher learning.” The program offers intensive intellectual and social support for eligible students who demonstrate an interest in and the potential for success in pursuing a doctoral degree in a Mellon-designated field. The fellowship provides faculty mentorship along with funding for two summers of research—the first in residence here at Bowdoin—and academic term stipends for the student’s junior and senior years.

**To be completed by the Faculty:**

We would appreciate your taking the time to complete this reference form (*it can be completed online as an Adobe Form.*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Extension: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the applicant perform in your course(s):	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Academic performance, intellectual ability and promise						
Communicative and writing ability						
Maturity and self-confidence						
Leadership potential and ability to work collaboratively with others						
Potential for conducting independent research						
Motivation for advanced graduate work						

In addition to this completed form, **please email a letter of recommendation** addressing this applicant’s potential for graduate study and a career in research and teaching. Application materials should be sent to Elizabeth Palmer at [epalmer@bowdoin.edu](mailto:epalmer@bowdoin.edu). Your evaluations will be confidential.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship program is most grateful for your assistance.