**Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program (MMUF) Faculty Mentor Letter of Recommendation Form**

Applicants: Complete the first section and provide this form to your faculty letter writer.

**Section 1**

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is applying for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program.

The student named above (check one):

□ has agreed to waive access to this letter of recommendation

□ has not agreed to waive access to this letter of recommendation

**Section 2**

Information for the MMUF Letter of Recommendation

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) is a two-year program (one-year for especially prepared transfer students) designed for outstanding students in Mellon-designated humanities, arts, and social science fields who intend to pursue a PhD and a career in academia. Mellon Mays Fellows work closely with faculty mentors to design and carry out an independent research project. Established in 1988 to address the barriers that result in the problem of underrepresentation in the faculty ranks of higher education, MMUF is committed to supporting a diverse professoriate and to promoting the value of multivocality in the humanities and related disciplines, elevating accounts, interpretations, and narratives that expand present understandings. Its name honors Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, the noted African American educator, statesman, minister, and former president of Morehouse College.

MMUF at Cal State Fullerton begins the Summer prior to junior year (senior year for transfer students). Fellows are expected to engage in research with a faculty mentor during the first summer and throughout the academic year. The MMUF program also includes summer research opportunities and graduate school preparation.

In your letter of support, please address the student’s research skills and ability to complete a comprehensive research project. The letter may be addressed to Dr. Sarah G. Grant, MMUF Faculty Coordinator. Please send your letter of recommendation no later than February 28, 2025 at 5:00 pm to: [sagrant@fullerton.edu](mailto:sagrant@fullerton.edu). Thank you for your support of undergraduate research at Cal State Fullerton.