



Mellon Humanities Pathways Fellowship Program

2018 Mellon Fellows Application Form

The Mexico Center at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and the Mellon Humanities Pathways Fellowship Program will fund 12 undergraduate students to support humanities research training that promotes diversity and prepares students from underrepresented backgrounds for doctoral study in the humanities broadly defined. The training program will provide students with an introduction to humanities research methods, meaningful opportunities to participate in humanities research studies, networking and professional development, and mentoring that leads to doctoral study in the humanities.

The interdisciplinary training program's *Latinos in a Changing World* theme focuses on research in literature, art, music, history, communications, philosophy, classics, ethnic studies, gender studies, Afro-Latino identities, anthropology, sociology, geography, languages, media, art history, and other humanities fields. This fellowship program cannot fund students in political science, education, business, economics, or sciences and engineering.

In the fall semester, the fellows will participate in an informal interdisciplinary seminar consisting of activities to improve research and writing skills and to help them identify appropriate graduate programs. **In the spring semester**, fellows will participate in ongoing research apprenticeships with UTSA faculty mentors in the humanities (7-10 hours per week) and participate in site visits to Texas universities offering Ph.D. humanities programs. **In the summer**, fellows will participate in a 3-week Professionalization Workshop at UTSA that will address research related to *Latinos in a Changing World*, humanities academic/research careers, academic skills and methodology used in humanities programs, research design, and requirements for Ph.D. programs. **In the fall of the fellows' senior year**, staff and mentors will assist fellows in applying to graduate humanities programs.

Fellows who are selected for the training program will receive a total stipend of \$4,000 and a small research fund which will be disbursed as they participate in and complete the project activities. Mellon Humanities Pathways fellows must complete all program activities and apply for graduate programs to receive the stipend. The next cohort of 12 fellows will be selected at the beginning of the 2018 Fall semester.

Applicants Must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Be enrolled part-time or full-time in a UTSA bachelor's program
 - ✓ Have completed between 60 and 90 credit hours
 - ✓ Be registered at UTSA or transferring from one of the Alamo Colleges
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate potential and expressed interest in pursuing a graduate program to conduct humanities research

Nondiscrimination Policy HOP 9.01: It is the policy of the University at San Antonio (UTSA) to provide an educational and working environment that provides equal opportunity to all members of the UTSA community. In accordance with federal and state law, UTSA prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, citizenship, gender identity, gender expression, and veteran status in all aspects of employment and education. Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is also prohibited pursuant to this policy.

Other Requirements:

- The fellow must identify with one or more traditionally underrepresented backgrounds (i.e., Latina/o, African American, Native American, first in the family to attend college, low income, veteran, etc.)
- The fellow's research focus must be relevant to a humanities field and the theme *Latinos in a Changing World*
- The fellow must respond to Mellon Foundation requests for information
- The fellow must comply with Mellon Foundation guidelines for acknowledgement of funding
- The fellow agrees to participate in all Mellon Humanities Pathways Fellowship Program components as described in the Terms of Participation form (i.e. seminar activities, apprenticeship, summer workshop, presentations of research, visits to humanities graduate programs, application to graduate programs).

Application must include:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Resume
3. Official Transcripts
4. Two letters of recommendation from faculty or persons familiar with applicant's academic work:
 - a. A faculty member who can assess applicant's potential for research,
 - b. A faculty member who can assess applicant's work ethic, or
 - c. An academic advisor
5. A narrative no more than 2 pages long (12 point, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, double spaced) covering all of the following topics:
 - Background and life experiences
 - Your interest in the Mellon Humanities Pathways Program
 - Areas of humanities research in which you are interested (related to "Latinos in a Changing World")
 - Motivation to attend graduate school
 - Personal career goals

The deadline to submit is September 7, 2018

Please send the completed application and letters of recommendation via e-mail to the program coordinator:

Sophia Ortiz

sophia.ortiz@utsa.edu

Mailing address:

**UTSA Mexico Center
501 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. MNTB 2.260
San Antonio, Texas 78207
210.458.2849**

You will receive e-mail confirmation upon receipt of your application. Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of UTSA faculty and staff.

Application Form

Background		
First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:
E-Mail Address:	Daytime Phone:	
Permanent Address		
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Current Address		
Current Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Gender:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Additional consideration may be given for the following criteria: (Select all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> I am a first generation college student <input type="checkbox"/> I am a Veteran		
What is the highest level of education your parents have achieved? Mother: _____ Father: _____		
Education at UTSA		
Major/Field:		
Classification (Sophomore/Junior/Senior):		
GPA and Scale:		
Number of Academic hours Completed:		
Date Degree Expected:		
Students who expect to graduate before May 2019 are not eligible.		
Student Identification Number:		

Previously Attended College/ University (if applicable)
Institution Name:
Major/Field:
GPA and Scale:
Degree/Diploma:
Dates Attended:
Date Degree Received:
Other background characteristics/demographics that you would like us to be aware of: