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JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SUMMER 2017

The Humanities Institute is pleased to offer two *Andrew W. Mellon Junior Fellowships* for advanced undergraduate and graduate students for the Summer of 2017.

Description:

The Junior Fellowship provides a unique opportunity for emerging scholars to conduct their own research, while accessing the historical collections available in the New York Botanical Garden's research facilities—the Mertz Library, the Archives, the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, and the Garden's Living Collections. The Humanities Institute's mission is to make these outstanding sources available to a wider audience and build relationships with a diverse metropolitan constituency. Junior Fellows will conduct research using the Garden and the Mertz Library's world-renowned holdings, related to the history of botany, garden art and architecture, landscape and urban design, botanical illustration, and the book-arts.

Objective:

Junior Fellows will conduct research on a topic relating to the environmental humanities and prepare a scholarly research paper or small exhibit, and give a presentation about their findings. Junior Fellowships at the Humanities Institute also will involve participation in the Institute's programs, including symposia, colloquia, and other public outreach activities.

Eligibility:

Candidates must be of junior-year college level or above to be considered and have a distinct interest in pursuing interdisciplinary research while in residence of a large cultural and plant studies research center. Please note that this program actively encourages students from diverse backgrounds, races, and ethnic groups to apply.

Tenure of Fellowship:

June to September, 2017; exact dates to be determined in consultation with the applicant and program coordinator.

Stipend awarded: \$3,500

How to apply:

The application, written in English, must be submitted electronically as a single document (Microsoft Word or PDF file) to Hlfellows@nybg.org by **March 10, 2017**. Late applications will not be accepted. An external committee of scholars in related disciplines decides the awards. Awards will be announced by **April 1, 2017**.

The application should include:

- Complete curriculum vitae of education
- Scanned copy of your transcripts or academic record
- Project proposal (2-pages, max. 500 words statement) providing an outline of planned research
- Two letters of recommendation

For further questions, please contact the Humanities Institute Program Coordinator, Vanessa Bezemer Sellers, at vsellers@nybg.org.

Learn more about the Humanities Institute at nybg.org/education/mertz-library/humanities.