THE JUNIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

Who are the Junior Fellows? A small group of thirty-five talented and energetic juniors and seniors chosen on the basis of their intellectual ability, the quality and promise of their proposed project, and enthusiasm for discussion.

Who may apply? Any qualified student from any program on campus who will have completed 60 hours prior to the fall semester. Junior Fellows normally have a GPA of at least 3.7, but outstanding students whose abilities are manifested in other ways should not hesitate to apply. Although administered by the College of Liberal Arts, the program is open to all qualified students on campus. Many students from outside Liberal Arts are presently members.

What does a Junior Fellow do? Three things: (1) Each Fellow works on an independent research project under the direction of a UT faculty member, making at least one presentation of that project to the group as a whole; (2) Fellows are required to attend meetings of the group, held every other Thursday from 5 to 7 PM during both the fall and spring semesters. Besides project presentations, meetings feature discussions led by eminent scholars from on and off campus; and (3) Fellows have the opportunity to participate in field trips, seminars, and academic activities.


How do I find a project topic? Think back over your coursework, independent reading, and other activities in which you have been involved. Explore some idea that caught your interest, but that you did not pursue at the time. To help you work through the possibilities, write down a few paragraphs about the topic. Do some general background reading to familiarize yourself with it, so that you know how manageable or involved the topic might be. Talk to faculty in the related fields for sources and information on your topic's place in their disciplines. Avoid topics that are too broad ("The Future of Education in America") or almost impossible to research ("Assessment of Saddam Hussein by Non-Baath Iraqi Citizens").

Is it possible to earn academic credit for work done as a Junior Fellow? Yes, by enrolling in the appropriate conference course with the supervising professor. For example, Humanities and Plan II majors usually use their senior theses as their Junior Fellows projects. Students pursuing Special Honors in their major use the honors thesis number. Other non-honors courses are also available, for example ARH 376, E 367C, CH 475K, RTF 336. Fellows should register for the course that is approved by their advisers, fits into their degree plans, and has the right format for the chosen topic.

Is any financial aid available for Junior Fellows? Yes. Funds are available to assist Fellows with expenses involved in their research. There is also some money available for Fellows who can demonstrate financial need.

Where can I find out more about this program? Application materials may be obtained from http://www.utexas.edu/cola/honors_programs/junior_fellows/ or the Liberal Arts Honors Office, CLA 1.204, telephone 512-471-3458.

Is there a deadline? Yes. Applications are due on Thursday March 24, 2016. Membership in Junior Fellows begins the fall semester of 2016.
APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS
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Before proceeding with the application, remember that attendance at all meetings of the Junior Fellows is mandatory for all those in the program. Meetings are held every other week during both the fall and spring semesters, on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 in CLA 2.606.

IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS, DO NOT APPLY TO THE PROGRAM.

Your application must include all of the following items:
   1. A completed copy of the application.
   2. A one-page, double-spaced, typed description of your proposed project, explaining its significance and how you intend to carry it out. You should also indicate your motivation and qualifications for working on the project.
   3. A letter of recommendation from the UT faculty member who will be the supervisor of your project. The letter should be addressed to:
      Junior Fellows Program
      Liberal Arts Honors Programs
      CLA 2.104 Campus G6210

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE DUE IN THE LIBERAL ARTS HONORS OFFICE, CLA 2.104 BY 5:00 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016.
APPLICATION FORM-JUNIOR FELLOWS
STAPLE THIS SHEET TO THE FRONT OF YOUR ONE-PAGE PROJECT DESCRIPTION.

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LOCAL ADDRESS _____________________________________________________________

PERMANENT ADDRESS _________________________________________________________

LOCAL PHONE (_____) __________________________

PERMANENT PHONE (_____) __________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS ___________________________________________________________

HOURS AT UT-AUSTIN __________________ UT-AUSTIN GPA _____________

TRANSFER HOURS __________________________ GPA _____________

SCHOOL ______________________________________________________________________

CURRENT MAJOR OR CONCENTRATION ________________________________

FURTHER CLAIMS TO DISTINCTION THAN GPA SUGGESTS:

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A JUNIOR FELLOW?

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED TITLE OF YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT?

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PROJECT SUPERVISOR

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DEPARTMENT

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