

The Alfred Harcourt Foundation Fellowship

DESCRIPTION

The Alfred Harcourt Foundation, founded in New York in 1962, is named for Alfred Harcourt, one of the founders of the distinguished publishing firm, Harcourt Brace. The Board of Directors of the Alfred Harcourt Foundation has awarded a grant to The City University of New York to establish 30 Harcourt Fellowships, to be divided equally between The Teacher Academy and Hunter College pipeline programs. The goal of the Harcourt Fellowships is to enable low-income students from underrepresented populations who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in STEM disciplines and/or preparing to teach in STEM fields to complete their undergraduate degrees and successfully move on to the next steps of their professional lives. The Fellowship awards each recipient a \$5,000 annual scholarship and provides funding support for a faculty mentor. The Fellowship awards can be renewed annually for a total of three years.

The Fellowship award period for 2008-2009 will be September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for a Harcourt Fellowship in 2008-2009 applicants are required to:

- Be enrolled as a full-time student in one of the approved degree areas;
- Be on track for graduation in the Spring of 2011;
- Demonstrate strong academic achievement, with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA;
- Agree to complete all work assignments related to the Fellowship, meet regularly with faculty mentor and participate in Fellowship events.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Each year, fellows will work on projects related to their studies. Assignments will include assistance in labs, tutoring college students and, for Fellows in the Teacher Academy, internships in host schools. All Fellows will be assigned a faculty mentor who will advise the student on matters related to his/her academic progress, disciplinary understanding, and future planning.

All Fellows will be expected to participate in a variety of networking experiences designed to provide personal and professional support and encouragement. Such experiences will include an annual Convocation/Reception, regular Fellows meetings, and an annual conference.

Fellows will be encouraged to assume leadership roles on campus and to serve as spokespersons for the importance of enrollments in STEM fields and in teacher preparation.

SELECTION PROCESS

In selecting Harcourt Fellows, priority will be given to students from underrepresented groups with a record of outstanding academic achievement and of contribution to the college community, and a demonstrated commitment to a career in a STEM field and/or teaching.

All applications for Fellowships at Hunter College will be reviewed and Fellows selected by a committee of college faculty appointed by the Dean of Arts & Sciences at Hunter College.

All applications for Fellowships in the Teacher Academy will be reviewed and Fellows selected by a committee of faculty appointed by the Dean of the Teacher Academy.

Applicants will be notified of the decision no later than July 31, 2008.

The Alfred Harcourt Foundation Fellowship Application

This application is intended to help the Fellowship Committee learn more about you as an applicant. Your answers should be frank and as thorough as possible. What you write is very important in providing the Fellowship Committee with an accurate idea of who you are, what is important to you, and what you want to do with your life.

Please complete all parts of this application and type your responses directly into the fields provided. Please save the application as `FirstName_LastName_app` (ex. `Joe_Student_app`), and save the essay (Part Three) separately as `FirstName_LastName_essay` (ex. `Joe_Student_essay`).

If you are applying for a Fellowship in the Pipeline Programs at Hunter College, please submit the completed application and essay electronically to shirley.scott@hunter.cuny.edu. Please submit the required documents and the optional letter of recommendation (Part Two) to:

Dean Shirley Clay Scott
School of Arts & Sciences
E811
Hunter College
695 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10021.

If you are applying for a Fellowship in the Teacher Academy, please submit the completed application and essay electronically to Sharon Hardy at sharon.hardy@mail.cuny.edu. Please submit the required documents and the optional letter of recommendation (Part Two) to:

Sharon Hardy
Director of Recruitment & Admissions
The Teacher Academy
The City University of New York
535 East 80th Street
New York, New York 10021.

Applications must be received no later than June 30, 2008. Applicants will receive a confirmation of the receipt of the application.

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Part One

Name:

Last

First

Address:

Number & Street

City, State & Zip Code

Email:

Telephone:

College:

Major:

Credits Earned (through Spring 2008):

Cumulative GPA (through Spring 2008):

Part Two

In a single packet with the completed Part One form, please include the following documents:

- A student copy of your current college transcript
- An optional letter of recommendation
- A copy of your current financial aid award letter

Part Three

Please attach an essay (500 – 750 words) in which you describe the community (or communities) in which you have grown up and the ways in which your experiences have influenced your decision to select the major and/or program you are enrolled in. If you wish, you can include information about your family and any additional information you would like the selection committee to know about you.

Part Four

Please answer the following questions.

1. Why do you think you should receive a Harcourt Fellowship for 2008-2009?

2. What would you hope to accomplish during the Fellowship in 2008-2009?

3. What are your plans for work and study after the completion of your baccalaureate degree?