



## THE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE RECEIVES \$500,000 MELLON GRANT FOR HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The Leadership Alliance has received a \$500,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to expand summer undergraduate research in the humanities and social sciences for minority students at eleven of its participating research institutions. This program is open to students from any institution in the country and will fund nearly 150 student research positions across the Alliance during the three-year project period.

The award, beginning in 2012, will provide stipends for students in the humanities and social sciences who participate in the Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program (SR-EIP). It will also provide support for special workshops, seminars or training in research methods to help students understand the research methodology of the humanities and social sciences.

The three-year Mellon Foundation grant will fund groups of four to six students on the following Leadership Alliance campuses:

- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- New York University
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- Tufts University
- University of Chicago
- University of Pennsylvania
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University

“The participating research sites have made the commitment to host a cohort of students each summer,” said Medeva Ghee, executive director of the Leadership Alliance and leader of the Mellon project. “By making this commitment, the institutions will assist in building a community of scholars in the humanities and social sciences within the Leadership Alliance.”

The Leadership Alliance, a national academic consortium of 32 research, teaching, and minority-serving institutions of higher education, directly addresses the relatively low participation of underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities as educators, academic leaders and decision-makers. For the past 20 years, the Leadership Alliance has developed an organized program of research, networking and mentorship at critical transition points along the academic training pathway, preparing young scholars from underrepresented and underserved populations for graduate training and research-based careers.

The Leadership Alliance will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012. During the last two decades, the Alliance has mentored over 2,000 undergraduates, and more than 200 alumni have obtained their PhD or MD-PhD degrees.

Additional information is available at [www.theleadershipalliance.org](http://www.theleadershipalliance.org).

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