

## 2021 MELLON INSTITUTE Call for Proposals

The Mellon Initiative Steering Committee is pleased to invite applications for the Mellon Institute program at Trinity University. The Mellon Institute is a multidisciplinary summer research program enabling faculty-student research teams from different disciplines to carry out interrelated research projects around a central topic. While similar to the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows (SURF) program, the Mellon Institute differs primarily in its collaborative and multidisciplinary research process.

### Program Details

- Proposals for the Mellon Institute will be accepted from teams of **three faculty** members from at least two Arts and Humanities departments to carry out interrelated research projects around one central topic. One Institute proposal will be selected annually.
- Faculty participating in the Mellon Institute will each receive a \$2,000 stipend.
- Students participating in the Mellon Institute—**up to four students**—will each receive a \$4,200 stipend and may live on campus\* during the 10 weeks for free.
- An additional \$5,000 will be available per project. These funds may be used to enable travel,\* to bring in speakers in the semester before the summer research term, other pre-summer research activities, or to provide other resources needed to accomplish the research project(s).

**\*COVID-19 Update:** Please note that depending on Trinity's COVID-19 guidelines, travel may not be supported and on campus housing may not be available for summer of 2021.

### Requirements

- Students must commit to: **1) work full-time on the project for the entire summer research period; 2) present their findings (to date) at the Summer Undergraduate Research Conference to be held at the end of July; and 3) participate in appropriate summer program activities (e.g. workshops and weekly lunches).**
- Faculty mentors may serve on only one research team per year and should also commit to participating in weekly Mellon lunches.
- Teams may not include seniors graduating in May 2021.
- Faculty may be called upon to share their mentorship experiences at workshops during the academic year and to help us make undergraduate research a year-round activity that is part of Trinity's institutional culture.

### Proposal Timeline

Prior to applying for this program, please set up a meeting with Chad Spigel (cspigel@trinity.edu) by **November 20, 2020** to discuss your project and the specifics of your proposal. Applications and final proposals are due February 12, 2021.