

## Appel Fellowship: Faculty Advisor Guide (2024 cohort)

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a faculty advisor to an Appel fellow. The Appel family generously donated funding to Claremont McKenna College to support first-year students to use writing as a tool for exploration and personal growth.

Appel fellowships provide first-year students with a unique opportunity to find inspiration in the act of writing. These fellowships are not internships. Instead, Appel fellows are expected to break through barriers, test their boundaries, and gain a deeper perspective on themselves and their place in the world by writing about their experiences and interests. Appel fellows will need your guidance to complete their writing project.

*Faculty advisors do not grade the final written projects*, but advisors should ensure that Appel fellows submit meaningful and substantial written projects when they return.

### After Appel fellows are selected, faculty advisors are encouraged to support their fellows in the following ways:

- Before departure (spring semester):
  - o Meet with the fellow once before their action plan deadline of March 22nd to offer advice as they work on the action plan and to set a schedule for future meetings.
  - o Encourage the fellow to design a manageable and focused project.
  - o Discuss the form of the final writing project (Fellows have written personal essays, interviews, blog or vlog posts, fiction, poetry, screenplays, journalistic writing, podcasts, and documentary films; multimedia projects do need to have a significant writing component).
  - o Help the fellow locate relevant resources for their project, for ex. Suggesting useful background material, helping them developing a reading list, identifying individuals or organizations with whom the fellow might collaborate, or suggesting important locations the fellow might visit during their travels.
  - o Offer guidance on the project objectives, project plan, and timeline for completion.
- Over the summer:
  - o Share feedback regarding the project as it develops.
  - o Be in touch with the fellow periodically for progress reports, to offer feedback on work in progress, or just for accountability. It's great if you can set a schedule for check-ins ahead of time. Checking in every 2-3 weeks is ideal, but some advisors/advisees prefer to meet more or less frequently.
- Mid- to Late-August:
  - o Read and respond to the final draft of the project (they will have to submit it by Sept. 13).
  - o Suggest ways the fellow might continue exploring the themes of the project and/or identify possible venues for the work.

### Appel fellows must do the following to receive funding:

- Attend pre-departure orientation meetings and at least two writing workshops.
- Communicate with their faculty advisors over the summer.
- Send updates to the Appel fellowship coordinator (Chloe Martinez) over the course of the summer.
- Submit a final draft of their writing project to their faculty advisors and to the Appel fellowship coordinator by the Appel deadline (Sept. 13, 2024)
- Share a final draft of their project with the CMC community (via the CWPD/Appel website, public event, and/or other forum). (We hope you'll join us for one of these events in the Fall)

**Appel advisors will receive a stipend of \$500 per student.** Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have! Thank you, again, for supporting our Appel fellows.