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Call for Applications: Undergraduate Student Seminar Recruitment Submission Deadline: June 16, 2020

The African American Studies Department at the University of Maryland College Park calls for applications for undergraduate student participation in its Interdisciplinary Mellon Foundation funded Seminar, "African/Black Diaspora Academic and Public Discourse." Undergraduate students in their junior or senior year who major in the humanities and the humanistic social sciences specializing in African, Africana and/or African American Studies and are leaders in related campus student organizations are encouraged to apply. The seminar welcomes undergraduates with academic interests in African/ black identity(ies) and the relationship between and among members of first and second-generation African immigrants and US-born African Americans.

Seminar participants will present their work and share their experiences. At each seminar location, undergraduates will participate in student panel discussions about their research and share personal reflections, ideas, and experiences around the key identity issues and themes of the project. How did these topics personally affect them and their collective experiences on these and other campuses? Undergraduate participants will be selected from the regions where the seminars will be held namely: Washington, DC/Maryland/Virginia (the University of Maryland College Park and Howard University), New York (NYU) and Ghana (the University of Ghana, Legon). Four seminar meetings are planned to begin in October 2020 and conclude in September 2021.

To apply for seminar participation, please submit the following: 1. a cover letter explaining your interest in the seminar; 2. a two-page description of your academic interests and campus activities and 3. a one-page biographical sketch. Please send these materials and request two letters of recommendation to be sent directly to: **Sarah Scriven, Project Coordinator - sscriven@umd.edu**. All application materials including letters of recommendation must be received by June 16, 2020.

Three undergraduate students will be selected to participate in this seminar. Undergraduate students will receive \$250 for each seminar meeting in which they participate. The project will cover expenses for lodging, transportation and meals. Details will follow.