Experimental Humanities Program
Undergraduate Mandel Fellows Call for Applications

Launched with generous funding from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, the Experimental Humanities Program at Case Western Reserve University is a bold initiative to integrate humanistic principles and STEM disciplines in order to address the rapidly evolving technological landscape and the most pressing societal issues of our time. A key component of this program is a new Experimental Humanities major currently under development, piloting in the spring 2024 semester with its first cohort of undergraduate students. An elite group of up to eight students will be recognized and supported as Undergraduate Mandel Fellows in the Experimental Humanities.

Candidates for the Undergraduate Mandel Fellows must be first-year undergraduate students as of academic year 2023–24, with an interest in pursuing both humanities and STEM disciplines. Selected Undergraduate Mandel Fellows will receive scholarship funding for an estimated 3.5 academic years. This will include up to $20,000 for the 2024 spring semester, and for the subsequent three academic years, up to $20,000 per semester will be available for a total of up to $40,000 per academic year. For students receiving need-based financial aid, the actual scholarship amount may be subject to Case Western Reserve University, federal, and/or state financial aid rules.

Additionally, funding will be available to Undergraduate Mandel Fellows for research, internship, and leadership development at the intersection of humanities and STEM fields. Regarding research, Undergraduate Mandel Fellows will also have priority consideration to engage in Experimental Humanities research projects administered through the Expanding Horizons initiative.
For the 2024 Spring Semester, selected Undergraduate Mandel Fellows would be required to take:

1. A minimum one-credit independent study course with the Experimental Humanities Faculty Fellows in which Undergraduate and Faculty Fellows continue co-designing and building the program together; and

2. HUMN 250 (or one of its cross listings) "Data Citizenship and Responsible AI." This core Experimental Humanities course introduces the data infrastructures and computational methods underlying our socio-technical ecosystem, developing a model of data citizenship that empowers public engagement.

To apply for consideration as an Undergraduate Mandel Fellow, please develop a one-page document detailing your personal and academic interest in this new major that integrates humanities and STEM disciplines. This document should also include:

- Applicant’s full name
- Academic year
- Current/intended major(s) and minor(s)
- Email address
- Phone number

*Please email this document to Robert Utrup* no later than Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Please note that final decisions will be rendered in the early Spring 2024 semester.

Should you have any questions about the application or the major itself, *please feel free to contact Timothy Beal*, Distinguished University Professor, Florence Harkness Professor of Religion and Experimental Humanities Faculty Fellow.

Thank you for your consideration in helping us launch this exciting new Experimental Humanities major by being one of its first leaders as an Undergraduate Mandel Fellow!