**Appel Fellowship: Faculty Advisor Guide**

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 who would 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 rely upon your guidance to complete their writing project.

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

* Before departure (spring semester):
  + Encourage the fellow to design a manageable and focused project.
  + Discuss the form of the final writing project (personal essays, interviews, blog or vlog posts, fiction, poetry, screenplay, journalistic writing, podcast, documentary film, etc.)
  + Help the fellow locate relevant resources for their project; this might include directing them to useful background material, identifying individuals or organizations with whom they might collaborate, or suggesting important locations they might visit during their travels.
  + Offer guidance on the project objectives, project plan, and timeline for completion.
* Over the summer:
  + Share feedback regarding the project as it develops.
  + Contact the fellow periodically to check in on their progress.
* At the start of the fall semester:
  + Read and respond to the final draft.
  + Provide feedback and direction for the fellow’s Athenaeum presentation.
  + Suggest ways the fellow might continue exploring the themes of the project and/or identify possible venues for the work.
* *Faculty advisors do not grade the final written project*.

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

* Communicate with their faculty advisors and submit working drafts to their advisors over the summer.
* Send updates to the Appel fellowship coordinator (Chrissy Crockett) twice a month 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 sponsored internship deadline (date varies).
* Share a final draft of their project with the CMC community (this might include participating in a public panel at the Athenaeum, publishing their work in *Discourse Magazine* and *CMC Magazine*, and appearing on the CMC website).

Faculty members who serve as Appel Fellow advisors will receive a stipend of $500 per student.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have regarding the Appel Fellowship program and thank you, again, for supporting our Appel fellows.

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