## **Accept Letter**

Dear Professor [LAST NAME],

Congratulations!

We are thrilled to invite you to join us as an Andrew W. Mellon Transformative Learning in the Humanities Faculty Fellow during the 2021-2022 academic year.

We hope you are as proud as we are. We received nearly 120 applications from faculty at every rank and from every CUNY campus. This initiative will have a tremendous impact on our teaching and on our students. Also, we hope to make a larger impact on CUNY as an innovative teaching institution and on higher education more broadly. If this seems like we are aiming high, we are—given this remarkable cohort of Fellows, we will make a difference.

You have been selected for the [SEMESTER] cohort. We will be in touch later with logistics. For now, please make sure to reserve **June 23, 2021, from 10AM-2PM, for our remote Summer Institute.** Together, we will make plans for the academic year.

As you know, you will be receiving an award of \$1,500. CUNY rules stipulate that you will be paid once you complete the program. If you are full-time faculty at CUNY, this will be issued to you as a stipend.

If you are part-time faculty, the award will be issued in the form of Non-Teaching Adjunct (NTA) hours. Based upon a workload limit of 135 teaching contact hours, you can only teach up to a certain number of teaching contact hours during the semester of your NTA appointment. Please contact us if you have questions, and especially if are planning on teaching a full course load or if you are a graduate student.

After you confirm your participation, we will send you a voucher for several exciting, even unconventional books that we will be using to inspire our work together.

Congratulations again and thank you for inspiring us with your application. We look forward to seeing you in June and to transforming CUNY.

Kind regards,

The TLH Team

## **Regrets Letter**

Dear Professor [LAST NAME],

We regret to inform you that you were not selected for the 2021-2022 Andrew W. Mellon Transformative Learning in the Humanities Faculty Fellows.

In choosing 51 participants from a superb application pool of nearly 120 applicants, our review committee worked to ensure total representation from across all of CUNY's campuses, diversity among disciplines, faculty rank, and to reflect all that CUNY represents as an institution to the students we serve. We had to make choices among many outstanding candidates who, in another year, might have been chosen.

We emphasize this point because we hope you will apply again for our 2022-2023 Faculty Seminar. We also hope you will remain on our mailing list so that you will be aware of many different events we will be offering CUNY's faculty and students over the next two years. Your contribution is invaluable.

Finally, it is possible that a Faculty Fellow spot may open for 2021-2022. If this happens we will notify you by **Friday, May 14th**.

We are grateful for your interest in transforming higher education.

Sincerely,

The TLH Team