

2024-2025 Athenaeum Student Fellow Application

Fellows must be able to serve for the entire academic year

Applicants must also complete and submit the online preliminary application:

[Athenaeum Fellow Application, 2024-25](#)

DUE DATE: Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 5 pm PDT

Name:

Contact number:

Email:

Your final application—due by 5 p.m. PDT, Wednesday, April 17, 2024 — MUST include ALL the following items:

1. A resume including your graduation date.
2. An unofficial transcript.
3. Two letters of support, at least one from a CMC faculty member while the second one can be from a CMC administrator/mentor. (to be emailed directly to Brian Davidson – see below)
4. Please provide the Athenaeum Advisory Committee with a brief statement describing your reasons for pursuing this fellowship. List and describe previous experience, employment, or volunteer work that you think would be especially applicable in preparing you for the position as Athenaeum Fellow. (300 words maximum)
5. Propose three (3) living individuals whom you would like to have as speakers at the Athenaeum. Why do you believe these individuals would be good to have at the Athenaeum? (50 words per individual proposed)
6. Construct a three-speaker series offering different perspectives on a topical issue. What topic would the series cover? Which speakers would you invite to the series and why? How would the series benefit or expand our general understanding of the topic? (250 words max)

7. Utilizing the same format (“teaser” caption and a “read more” section) as on the [Athenaeum website](#), compose a website post highlighting any two (2) people you suggest as speakers in question 5.
8. Tell us about a time when you had to mediate a conversation or interact with people of different beliefs or ideologies. Describe your approach to managing intellectual disagreement. (200 words maximum)
9. Briefly describe an Ath experience—including if applicable at the head table—that was memorable to you. Why was it memorable? (150 words maximum)
10. How would you innovate the Ath experience for students? (100 words maximum)
11. Approximately how often have you attended Athenaeum events over the past year? (Optional: If you have not attended as often as you would have liked, you are welcome to explain why.)

(NOTE: If you are selected for a final interview, you will be asked to introduce one of the speakers you have selected in question 5 and to elaborate on the series outlined in question 6.)

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The student whose name is listed above is applying for the Athenaeum fellowship for 2023-2024. Please give us your candid opinion as to this student's suitability for such a program and commitment. Please include your evaluation of the student's academic ability and performance, work ethic, personality, adaptability, intellectual curiosity, creativity, and any other information you think useful in helping the committee evaluate this applicant.

Your recommendation will **not** be shared with the applicant or any other students.

Thank you for your assistance.

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