The Andrew W. Mellon Professorship in the Humanities

The Andrew W. Mellon Professorship, endowed by an award from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is designed to strengthen the influence of the humanities at Tulane.

Scholars are chosen based on notable achievements both in teaching and research in humanistic learning. Appointments to the Mellon Professorship vary from one year to one semester. A committee chaired by the Associate Provost seeks names of proposed candidates from all departments and programs in the humanities within the university and from other appropriate sources. Final candidates are submitted to the Provost who recommends appointments to the President.

The Mellon Professor is expected to:

1. share his/her learning with the largest possible number of undergraduate students by offering interdisciplinary courses open to all interested undergraduates;

2. establish intimate contact with graduate students, through courses and seminars, who will benefit from the depth and range of his/her scholarship;

3. represent Tulane University and the Humanities before the public in a special Mellon Lecture.