Name_________________________________________   Student ID # _____________________

Current or Intended Major(s) and Minor(s)_____________________________________________

Email___________________________________________________________________________

Cell phone number ________________________________________________________________

How did you hear about the program?_________________________________________________

My faculty recommendation will be written by:

Name________________________________________   Dept. ____________________

Please list two possible WU faculty advisors for your Kling project. If a faculty member has already agreed to act as your mentor, please indicate by putting a (*) next to the person’s name.

1.______________________________________________Email ___________________________
2.______________________________________________Email___________________________

Please place your initials at the end of the following statement.

If accepted into the Merle Kling Undergraduate Honors Fellowship Program, I understand that I must attend a series of program orientation sessions during late Spring 2018, devote significant time to research on my project during the summers of 2018 and 2019, and register for the Kling seminar for four semesters (unless I go abroad) beginning in Fall 2018.

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Initials  Date

In addition to this cover sheet, your Kling Fellowship application should include the following:

☑  Two short essays in your best and most polished academic prose style, as described on the next page
☑  One faculty letter of recommendation, including the cover sheet at the end of this application packet (the faculty member may send this separately)
☑  A copy of your unofficial transcript (can be obtained from WebSTAC)

Please submit your application materials by email as PDFs to merlekling@wustl.edu. Your application must be received by 4:00pm on Friday, March 9th, 2018 for full consideration.

If you have questions about your Kling application, please contact Dr. Wendy Love Anderson, Academic Coordinator, for the Merle Kling Undergraduate Honors Fellowship by phone at (314)-935-9523 or by email andersonwl@wustl.edu.
MERLE KLING UNDERGRADUATE HONORS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Application Essays
https://cenhum.artsci.wustl.edu/academics/honors

Name of Applicant________________________________________________

About the Kling Fellowship Program:
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Applicant Essays:
1. In a two- to three-page essay (no more than 900 words), discuss a scholarly article or book chapter that you have read, either for a class or for another purpose. Choose a text that piqued your interest and made you think. Try to find something that shares a disciplinary or methodological approach with your proposed Kling Fellowship research project. Include in your essay some discussion of the following:
   - the author’s (or authors’) main argument(s);
   - the methods and types of evidence, data, or sources the author(s) uses to support the argument(s);
   - the scholars, schools of thought, or ideas to which the author(s) is/are responding; and
   - why you selected this text and/or what got you interested in this particular text or type of research.

2. In a two- to three-page essay (no more than 900 words), describe your proposed Kling Fellowship research project and why/how you are qualified to pursue it. Place your project within the context of current debates about and/or approaches to the topic, citing three or more relevant scholarly works. Also, explain the methods and types of sources/data/evidence that you plan to use when you begin to explore this topic in greater depth.

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Recommendation for:

Name of applicant__________________________________________

___ I agree that this recommendation is to remain confidential; I waive my right to see it.

___ I may wish to see this recommendation at some later point; I do not waive my right to see it.

___________________________________________________________       ________________________
Student Signature                                           Date

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To the faculty recommender:
In an attached letter, please comment on the applicant’s seriousness of purpose, ability (or potential) to undertake and complete a proposed project or course of study, and any other strengths and weaknesses you feel qualified to address and evaluate. Since the Kling Fellowship Program encourages students to work closely with their mentors for more than two years, any comments you can make concerning the student’s level of maturity, independence, creativity, open-mindedness, flexibility, ability to take initiative, and dedication to continuing his/her course of study, will be particularly helpful and appreciated.

In addition, since one of the goals of the Kling Fellowship Program is to offer students information about continuing their studies into graduate school, especially in M.A. and Ph.D. programs in the humanities and humanistic social sciences, any comments you can provide concerning this applicant’s motivation and intent to explore the possibility of graduate study in the humanities or humanistic social sciences and his/her potential to succeed in such a graduate program will be extremely useful to the selection committee.

Signature________________________________________  Date _____________
Name___________________________________________  Title/Dept. ________________________________________

Faculty, please attach your recommendation to this form and send it to Dr. Wendy Love Anderson at either andersonwl@wustl.edu by Monday, March 12th, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Anderson at 314-935-9523 or andersonwl@wustl.edu. Thank you for your time and effort – your recommendations are critical to the Kling Fellowship selection process!