

Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar

Call for Proposals for Summer Program 2017

THE PROGRAM

The Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS) brings together 18 talented high school sophomores for an intensive six-week-long discussion-based seminar that focuses on topics related to critical Black and ethnic studies. TASS is a program for students motivated by genuine curiosity and a desire to learn through dialogue and discussion. As the intellectual cornerstone of the program, the seminar grounds students' experience of community service and self-governance in the close, critical examination of perspectives and ideas. Since its inception in 1993, TASS has drawn students without the lure of grades or college credit. Any high school sophomore is eligible to apply, but it is our goal to comprise an African American learning community and to recruit students of significant intellectual promise who have been significantly impacted by structural inequity and excluded from quality academic opportunities like TASS. Together with its institutional partners, the Telluride Association offers TASS tuition-free to all students. This summer, we expect to offer three to four TASS programs, which will run for six weeks from **June 25 to August 5, 2017**.

ELIGIBILITY, DUTIES, AND COMPENSATION

The Sophomore Seminar Committee welcomes applications from all qualified applicants. Applicants should have an advanced degree and a distinguished track record of teaching undergraduate and/or graduate students. The committee only accepts applications from faculty pairs. Each instructor receives a competitive stipend for program preparation, six weeks of teaching, and written student evaluations. Instructors work collaboratively with TASS factotums—college-aged program counselors selected for their ability to mentor TASS students in all aspects of the seminar and extracurricular life, but especially in composition and verbal expression.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Sophomore Seminar Committee selects faculty pairs on the basis of their ability to foster critical, independent thought and sound judgment. Proposals should address themes relating to critical Black and ethnic studies. Please submit (1) a joint teaching statement, (2) a draft, week-by-week syllabus with reading list, (3) a 300-word course description, (4) CVs for both co-instructors, and (5) a short, five-page selection from a crucial text, all in PDF to: teach.tass@tellurideassociation.org. Please address any inquiries to the Sophomore Seminar Committee at the same address. Deadline for receipt of proposals: **May 1st, 2016**.

“Unequivocally, I adored serving as an instructor for these students and would do so again with heartfelt excitement. I felt inspired by the TASS program and the students.”

-Maresa Murray
TASS faculty 2009

PROGRAM DATES

June 25–August 5, 2017