GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Throughout its 68-year history, Brandeis has promoted diversity within its student body. Each year, significant institutional resources help support international students at the undergraduate level. The primary obligation for meeting educational costs remains with the families of students admitted to the university, but we are pleased to assist with university funds.

FINANCIAL AID FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Office of Student Financial Services has reviewed the International PROFILE/ International Student Financial Aid Application and all supporting documents that you sent with your application for admission. Using the financial information reported on your application, the staff has calculated your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the amount of financial resources you and your parent(s) are expected to contribute. The amount of your tentative financial aid package is based on your EFC and our cost of attendance. Please note that the information (such as documentation of parent income and assets) may be required to finalize your award.

We hope that your financial aid award sufficiently meets the need demonstrated in your documents, enabling you to accept our offer of admission.

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Brandeis financial aid for international students are based on the academic and personal records submitted and are need-sensitive. If a scholarship is given to a student who has significant financial need, the scholarship may be supplemented with other forms of assistance to meet the need as determined by the Office of Student Financial Services. Financial aid packages are often a combination of grants, scholarships, loans, and on-campus employment.

Grant and scholarship assistance is awarded by the university only at the beginning of a student’s career at Brandeis. Successful academic performance at the university does not initiate or increase grant or scholarship assistance.

WIEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Wien International Scholarship Program has funded hundreds of students from all over the world since its inception in 1958. These need-based scholarships provide assistance to exceptionally accomplished international applicants who demonstrate strong academic achievement as well as significant extracurricular community involvement.

The Office of Admissions, the Wien Scholar Committee and the Office of Student Financial Services determine who receives the Wien International Scholarship. If you have been selected for a Wien or other Brandeis scholarship, a notice will be included in your acceptance packet. Candidates who have been offered admission have been considered for all scholarship possibilities.

Wien Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Office of Admissions. Scholarships are renewable on the basis of continued demonstrated need for a maximum of eight semesters, unless advanced standing is awarded for previous academic work. Satisfactory progress toward graduation and the required grade-point average must be maintained for renewal.

STUDENT LOANS

The Alumni and Friends Scholarship

The Alumni and Friends Scholarship is renewable on the basis of continued demonstrated need or a maximum of eight semesters at Brandeis unless the student begins university studies with advanced standing; in such cases, the grant will be for fewer than eight semesters. Satisfactory progress toward graduation must be maintained.

WIEN LOAN

The Wien Loan is a low-interest (5 percent) loan whose capital is paid back by the university. Repayment of both the interest and the principal is deferred while students are enrolled in school. Once students graduate or cease to be enrolled at least half time, an interest-free grace period of nine months begins. Repayment begins at the conclusion of the grace period. A great benefit of this loan is that students can qualify to have 20 percent of the principal of the Wien Loan canceled per year for each year of full-time work at the United States, and its territories. Students can qualify to have up to 100 percent of the loan’s principal canceled for five years of qualified employment. The place of employment does not need to be in a student’s native country. If a student chooses to stay in the United States, the loan’s repayment begins after the nine-month grace period.

Students who are awarded this loan must obtain and complete the required promissory note, as well as any supplemental loan forms, at the beginning of each academic year. Loan funds will be tentatively credited to the student’s account if all required promissory note, as well as any supplemental loan forms, at the beginning of each academic year. Loan funds will be tentatively credited to the billing statement pending the completion of the documents mentioned above. Anticipated credits on a student's account will be canceled if all the required forms are not completed.

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

The University Employment allotment has the financial aid award. It is the student’s responsibility to secure and maintain a job that will allow him or her to fulfill the work allocation.

The University Employment allotment is not credited to the student’s account. In planning your payment of costs for each semester, please note that the work allotment should not be subtracted from what is due.

CALCULATING THE DUE ANNUAL BILL

Knowing how financial aid award is the first step in the process of determining what you will owe for a year’s education at Brandeis. The Office of Student Financial Services presents a new billing statements prior to the start of each semester. Fall semester bills will be due August 4, 2017, and spring semester bills will be due January 2, 2018.

An interactive worksheet is available online at www.brandeis.edu/sfs/tuition-calculator/index.html to help you estimate your yearly cost.

Travel, books and personal costs not due directly to Brandeis are not included in this worksheet. We estimate $1,000 annually for books and $1,500 annually for personal expenses, although personal expenses vary greatly. Travel expenses will vary depending upon the country from which you will travel.

PAYMENT TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Payment must be made each semester according to the schedule determined by the Office of Student Financial Services. Further information regarding billing and payment to the University is included as part of the materials sent to students who accept our offer of admission.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL AID AWARD

We will presume that you are accepting the offer of financial aid when you return the enrollment card and deposit payment to the Office of Admissions.

RENEWAL OF THE FINANCIAL AID AWARD

Your financial aid is awarded for one year at a time. Your renewal of financial aid each academic year for which you wish to be considered for assistance. The amount of financial aid that you receive after the first year may vary, reflecting changes in your family’s financial situation, the costs of attending Brandeis and the availability of funding, which may affect the amount of your Wien Scholarship or Alumni and Friends Scholarship from year to year. (Please note that your financial aid package will be based on standard room and board costs for off-campus housing.) You should expect the loan amount in your financial aid package to increase as you progress through your academic career at the university.

To reapply for financial aid, you must file the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE application and submit documentation of your parents’ income and assets by April 1 of each year. Failure to file all renewal application materials by the stated deadline may result in a limited or partial award, registration complications and/or late fees on your student account.
FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions or problems related to your financial aid, student account, student loans or student employment, please contact our office at sfs@brandeis.edu or 781-736-3700.

Brandeis University is committed to providing its students, faculty and staff with an environment conducive to learning and working and where all people are treated with respect and dignity. Toward that end, it is essential that Brandeis be free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of race; color; ancestry; religious creed; gender identity and expression; national or ethnic origin; sex; sexual orientation; age; genetic information; disability; Vietnam-era veteran, qualified special, disabled veteran, or other eligible veteran status; or any other category protected by law. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Vice President of Human Resources, Bernstein-Marcus building, 781-736-4464.

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