

Below we have compiled some frequently asked questions and answers for all potential applicants. Please read through this document and do not hesitate to be in touch with the Scholars Program Director should you have any additional questions.

**DO YOU OFFER A STIPEND?**

There is no stipend offered with any of our affiliations. Scholars support themselves individually through private funding or grants.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRES ALL RESIDENTS TO HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE. CAN I GET HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY?**

No health or dental insurance is available through the University. Scholars will be expected to secure their own health and/or dental insurance.

**I PLAN TO MOVE TO MASSACHUSETTS (OR UNITED STATES) IF I AM ACCEPTED. IS THERE ANY ASSISTANCE WITH FINDING HOUSING OR VISA PAPERWORK?**

There is no assistance in locating housing and Brandeis is unable to offer Scholars campus housing. Scholars are responsible for locating housing and any completely any necessary government paperwork required for their stay in the United States.

**WILL I HAVE WORKSPACE?**

Scholars will be invited to apply for workspace in the fall, spring and summer semesters. We have two types of space: armoires (which resemble cubicles) and cubby space (a locked cabinet). Scholars are not guaranteed space. Most Scholars will share an armoire or have access to a "drop-in" armoire, which allows a Scholar to drop in to an empty armoire and have access to a telephone and computer.

**CAN I PARK MY CAR ON CAMPUS?**

You may obtain a parking decal from the University Parking Office by completing the appropriate paperwork.

**I DON'T HAVE A CAR. IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY FOR ME TO GET TO BRANDEIS?**

Yes! The University is easily accessible by public transportation. Specifically, our building is located across from the Brandeis/Roberts "T" stop.

**WILL I HAVE A MAILBOX AT BRANDEIS?**

So long as you are an active Scholar at the WSRC, you will be given a mailbox. Once your affiliation ends, or you take a leave of absence (if eligible), you will be expected to set up mail forwarding through the United States Postal Service. We will not hold mail for Scholars that have left the Program.

### **WHAT ABOUT STATIONERY AND OFFICE SUPPLIES? DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY OWN?**

The Center will provide WSRC stationery for work-related mailings. We also provide basic supplies such as copy paper, paperclips, staples, etc. We keep our copiers and printers fully stocked with toner. Anything beyond basic supplies, such as binders or file folders, are the responsibility of the Scholar to provide.

### **WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY?**

Yes! Once you get a University ID card, you will be able to register it for access to the university library.

### **WHAT ABOUT APPLYING FOR GRANTS?**

Once your tenure as a Scholar commences, you will be able to cite your affiliation with Brandeis University when applying for grants. The WSRC also offers some small grants (up to \$1,500) for which you may apply at specific times throughout the year.

### **WILL PEOPLE SEARCHING FOR ME AT BRANDEIS BE ABLE TO FIND ME?**

Yes! You will be listed on the Brandeis University directory where people can search for you by name or e-mail address. You will also be given 1 page on our website, which will include your photograph, biography and Brandeis e-mail address.

### **ARE THERE ANY OTHER BENEFITS THAT YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY MENTIONED?**

Yes! As a Scholar, you will have access to university dining and gym facilities. You will also be able to apply for a student-scholar partner, which provides up to 50 hours of student research assistance per semester.

### **WHAT DO YOU REQUIRE FROM ME?**

There are a few things that you are required to do as a Scholar:

- Work productively on one or more projects relating to women's lives and/or gender issues in accordance with my application.
- Maintain a Brandeis e-mail address and respond to all requests promptly. You may opt to forward Brandeis e-mail to another account of your choosing.
- Obtain a University ID and carry it with me at all times I am at the university.
- Identify myself as a Scholar at the Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center, on any and all public appearances, articles, books, etc.
- Maintain a library binder (at the WSRC) of publications, public presentations and CV.
- Participate on a WSRC Committee and attend all meetings.
- Attend the Annual Orientation Meeting.
- Support colleagues by attending events.
- Abide by the Scholars Program Handbook (which you will receive at Orientation).
- Complete all Scholars Program paperwork as requested, and by the stated deadline(s).
- Maintain the Center in a neat and orderly fashion.