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PLURALISM ALLIANCE

Grant Application Online Workshop
Welcome from the BPA Steering Committee

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Goals of the BPA and BPA Grants

- To create opportunities for a large cross-section of students to question identity and community at a deeper level, and to reach a more thoughtful and enduring understanding of these issues.

- To create alliances among different campus groups addressing issues of pluralism and unity.

- To foster networking, communication, and coalition building (e.g., having two or more clubs or organizations co-sponsor a project).

- To provide funds for creative new pluralism and unity programming involving students and faculty.
Grant Application Process

2017-2018 Deadlines

- Wednesday, September 6 – for projects scheduled prior to October 15
- Sunday, September 17 – for all other Fall projects
- Sunday, January 21 – for Spring projects

Apply Online at
www.brandeis.edu/das/programs/bpa/bpagrantapp.html

- Shortly after the grant application deadline has passed, the BPA Steering Committee will meet to determine which applications will be funded. Within two weeks of the application deadline, you will receive an email notification stating whether or not your project has received funding and the name of your BPA liaison.

- Grant size will depend on the number and quality of applications, but will usually not exceed $450 and cannot be used for stipends to students, faculty or staff.
Grant Application Process (cont’d.)

- Preference is given to applications from teams of at least two individuals (e.g., an instructor and student, or individuals from different clubs, races, religions or nationalities).

- Grant activities can include events, publications, seminars, workshops, performances, art projects, service projects, and retreats that promote ideas inherent in pluralism and unity at Brandeis.

- One member of a grant recipient’s project team will be required to attend an informational meeting after application approval. Funds will not be distributed if recipients do not attend the meeting or meet with their liaison.
  
  Meeting Dates:
  Fall Grant Recipients – (TBD) October 10 or October 11@ 5pm, SCC 313
  Spring Grant Recipients – (TBD) February 7 or February 8 @ 5pm, SCC 313
Tips for a Successful Application

- Whenever possible, confirm a date, time, and location for your project before applying.

- Every section of the application, submitted online and by the application deadline, has been completed.

- The project demonstrates collaboration between different campus constituencies (student clubs and organizations, offices or departments, faculty, etc.). List any co-sponsors; they should be true partners in your project, not just lending their name.

- The main focus of the project promotes pluralism and appreciation of diversity on campus.

- A realistic budget is provided with as much detail as possible. Specify approximate or exact amounts for each item; don’t ask for “as much as you can provide” or “$450” without giving details about how funds will be used.
Tips for a Successful Application (cont’d.)

- Do you have a plan to engage the audience in reflection (talk-backs, discussions, educational materials, etc.) so that the grant is funding more than just “performances”?

- Have you inquired about additional sources of funding from the Student Union Board, departments/programs, offices, etc.? List any confirmed or possible sources in the application.
Examples of Past Grant Recipients

- Lists of past grant recipients are available at www.brandeis.edu/das/programs/bpa/recipients/index.html
What happens once you are selected for a grant?

- A BPA Steering Committee liaison is assigned to each grant to provide planning advice and assistance.

- One member of a grant recipient’s project team is required to attend an informational meeting to learn how to access approved funding. Funds will not be distributed if at least one project team member does not attend the meeting or meet with the assigned BPA liaison.

- BPA provides publicity assistance by distributing flyers, posting the initiative on the BPA website and sending out email listserv announcements.
Questions/Comments?

- Visit the BPA Website at www.brandeis.edu/das/programs/bpa/index.html

- Contact a member of the Steering Committee