

What's the Pluralism Alliance?

The Brandeis Pluralism Alliance aims:

- 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.

Past grant recipients say...

“The purpose of our project goes beyond cultural and racial boundaries.”

“It strengthens communication and unity between the people who attend because they share an experience and can bring this experience and understanding of other traditions back into the Brandeis community.”

“Several different groups within Brandeis, who normally do not have a reason to communicate, were brought together in the same forum and had the opportunity to interact.”

Have a great idea? Apply for a grant and make it happen!!

BPA grant activities promote ideas inherent in pluralism and unity at Brandeis. These activities include performances, publications, workshops, art or service projects, etc.

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

Interested in applying for a grant? Applications are available online at www.brandeis.edu/das/pluralism. Applications will be considered in two rounds and are due by midnight on Sunday, September 25, 2011 and Sunday, February 1, 2012.

Award-winning projects from past years include:

Brandeis University ELL Learning Initiative

Brandeis students tutor facilities and food service employees in English, creating an environment of respect and mutual growth.

Life Through Our Eyes

Ten performers from a wide variety of backgrounds whose ten, 20 minute, self devised, solo theatre pieces address issues of social injustice, race, prejudice, price of liberation and more. The works are diverse yet part of a common attempt to portray shared human experience, which is the ultimate definition of art and pluralism.

Sex and Sexualities Symposium's Annual Undergraduate Research Conference

This interdisciplinary conference invites Brandeis undergraduate students to present their own research papers pertaining to sex, sexualities, and gender. With such an open forum, the conference promotes further research for participants and spectators alike, as well as fostering a community from diverse disciplines, identities, and cultures and engagements in active dialogue inspired by the topics covered.

Worker Appreciation BBQ

The Brandeis Labor Coalition (BLC) annually hosts its Worker Appreciation BBQ at the end of the Spring term. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the contributions of Brandeis custodial, facility and dining workers, showing them that students value them as an integral part of our community. Custodial, facility and dining workers are a huge asset to the Brandeis community, and the BLC is committed to building better ties between facility workers and students to show appreciation and foster closer relationships.

Holi

Holi, the festival of colors, is the celebration of the coming of Spring and also signifies the triumph of good over evil. Holi is an occasion that brings in unadulterated joy and mirth, fun and play, music and dance and is undoubtedly the most fun-filled and boisterous festival celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs.

The Multicultural Freedom Seder

The Freedom Seder is a multicultural and multifaith event recalling the story of the Exodus and past successful liberation movements. The primary goal was to share the Seder tradition, express concerns about modern oppression, and share an important meal with groups and people on campus who may normally not interact.

Get Involved!! Join the Steering Committee!!

The BPA Steering Committee is responsible for advising all of the Alliance's activities. This includes:

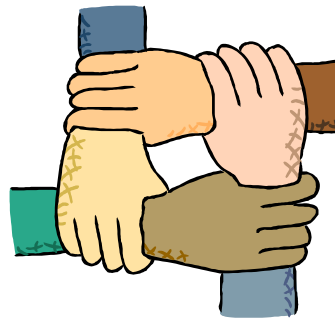
- Selecting student and faculty grant recipients
- Serving as liaisons to grant recipients
- Assisting the recipients in carrying out the Alliance's goals
- Organizing "plenary" Pluralism Alliance meetings for representatives of student organizations to share and discuss ongoing initiatives

If you are interested in joining the committee, additional information and an application form are available on the BPA website, www.brandeis.edu/das/pluralism. **The application deadline is midnight on Sunday, November 6th 2011**

Looking for grant applications advice? Check out our Online Grant Workshop!

If you're looking for more information about the grant application process, our online workshop is the perfect reference guide. It includes:

- Dates & Deadlines
- Steering Committee contact info
- Tips
- Application Requirements



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<http://www.brandeis.edu/das/programs/bpa/workshop.html>



pluralism: *noun*, a social condition in which disparate religious, ethnic, and racial groups are part of a common community.

Promoting pluralism and unity in the Brandeis community

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