

## The 2017 Brenda Meehan Social Justice-in-Action Grants

The Social Justice & Social Policy (SJSP) program is pleased to announce a new grant opportunity for Brandeis University undergraduate students. These grants are designed to provide support for **student-organized events that bring together academic and activist perspectives on important current public policy issues**, such as: healthcare, immigration, criminal justice reform, and climate change. These Brenda Meehan Social Justice-in-Action Grants will provide up to \$1,500 to support events planned for the Spring 2017 semester. Applications will be accepted until February 10 and recipients will be notified soon after.

The selection committee will consider any and all proposal ideas, but will favor those that:

- incorporate both academic and activist social justice perspectives in meaningful ways
- Involve our campus as part of the event and be free to all members of the Brandeis community
- Include significant participation by Brandeis students, faculty, and/or staff, and/or by one or more invited off-campus guests
- value collaboration between student organizations, and/or between undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff
- inform and/or link to ongoing initiatives that enable the proposed event to contribute to an enduring social justice impact on campus or in broader communities.

### HOW TO APPLY:

*Please submit the following via email to SJSP Chair Melissa Stimell, [stimell@brandeis.edu](mailto:stimell@brandeis.edu) by 5:00 pm on February 10, 2017:*

1. your name(s) and contact information, along with the names of any co-sponsoring clubs or organizations□
2. a one-paragraph summary of the proposed event(s)
3. a brief (no more than 100 words) statement providing background on the relevant experience of any proposed off-campus speaker
4. an itemized budget estimate, including any funding from other sources
5. a statement that clarifies, in 500 words or less, the organization and anticipated impact of the event(s), the full set of anticipated participants, and whether or not off-campus participants have already committed to participate. The selection committee understands that it is sometimes difficult to obtain commitments prior to receiving funding, so it is not required that you be entirely certain about the line-up of participating guests. However, your statement should list at least one alternative option for any off-campus participant who has not yet provided a firm advance commitment.

**\*\* All applications must be received by 5pm on Friday, February 10, 2017 \*\***

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