

ExCEL Fellows 2012-2013 Application

Thank you for your interest in being a 2012-2013 ExCEL Fellow! The ExCEL Fellows work in conjunction with the Office of Experiential Learning (EL) to support, facilitate, and promote EL at Brandeis and our interacting communities.

All applications are due on Friday, April 27, 2012 by noon to the Experiential Learning Office (one flight up in the Mandel Center).

Ideal Candidates:

- Are from any class year
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of EL and Community- Engaged Learning (CEL) pedagogies at Brandeis and beyond
- Have taken at least 2 EL courses and have participated in other EL opportunities
- Enjoy working collaboratively with faculty, staff, students, and community partners
- Are passionate about furthering the EL program at Brandeis

Requirements:

- All fellows must attend a weekly 1-hour meeting (to be decided based on schedules of present group) during the academic semester
- Dedicate 3-4 additional hours per week to ExCEL tasks
- Actively participate on the EL Committee, EL Events Committee, or the CEL Committee
- Attend training at the start of the fall semester & attend a midyear retreat
- LOVE EL!

To Apply:

- Please print your completed application with the following components and bring to the Experiential Learning Office (one flight up in the Mandel Center) no later than noon on Friday, April 27, 2012:
- * Once all applications are received, each applicant will participate in an interview with an EL staff member & class of 2012 ExCEL Fellow
- 1) Your resume (Visiting the Hiatt Career Center is highly recommended)
- 2) A brief reference email from a staff or faculty member endorsing you as an ExCEL Fellow (email to akriss@brandeis.edu)
- 3) A brief essay including your responses to the following questions (2 page single- spaced maximum):
 - o A. Why do you want to be an ExCEL Fellow?
 - o B. What Experiential and Community Engaged Learning opportunities have you been a part of while at Brandeis (feel free to include other opportunities before Brandeis/ summer programs)?
 - o C. How have you personally benefited from EL?
 - o D. What do you feel is most important for the Brandeis community to know about EL?
 - o E. Please give a detailed description of an EL or CEL initiative you would like to see at Brandeis and how you would go about creating it.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Lexi Kriss (akriss@brandeis.edu) or any of the current ExCEL Fellows.