Overview

The Rich/Collins Community Leadership & Impact Fellow (R/C CLIF) is a mini-grant fellowship that has two central purposes:

1. To expand Brandeis students’ engagement with and service to the greater Waltham-Boston area by addressing an unmet community need
2. To strengthen students’ leadership capacity through a cohort model

The R/C CLIF mini-grants give students the opportunity to develop and implement a community impact project over one academic year. The mini-grants, ranging from $500-$5,000 will enable students to partner with the local community, reflect upon their programs, and provide immediate support to an important cause. The program offers pre-application support, leadership training and reflective sessions throughout the fellowship and a final symposium presentation. A limited number of students demonstrating need-based-aid will receive a $500 stipend.

All R/C CLIF applicants will be expected to:
- Research unmet community needs,
- Develop a realistic, sustainable program or event to address a significant need,
- Establish a working group, or engage others as needed, to run the program during the project period,
- Define an evaluation process and measure the impact of the initiative,
- Create a sustainability plan for the project’s leadership and programming,
- Actively participate in leadership training
- Educate our community about their cause.

Criteria/Eligibility:

- Fellowship is open to sophomore, junior and senior applicants.
- Must maintain a 2.8 GPA or higher
- Must be on campus during the spring semester
- Must attend 1 information session about the program (see website for dates)
- Be aware of community needs to ensure program is supported by a community partner and receive letter of support

Application Process & Timeline:

Wednesday, August 15 - Application Available
Thursday November 9 – Application Package due by 11:59 P.M.

- Completed Application
- Project Action Timeline Proposal
- Project Budget Template
- Unofficial transcript (SAGE print out)
- Financial Need Form (Optional and Confidential)
- Letter of Support from Project Community Partner