Dear Colleagues,

The Provost’s Office is pleased to announce a new $200,000 program to support innovative research. Any Brandeis full time faculty or staff members who are research scholars may apply for one of these awards.

**Award Availability:**
The maximum award amount will be $25,000, but most awards are expected to be for smaller amounts. The awards are intended to support basic research that will have the potential to lead to future funding opportunities from outside funders.

**Areas of Focus and Evaluation Criteria:**
Proposals should be for very early stage research rather than projects that are well underway. Proposals with the following characteristics will receive special preference:
- Interdisciplinary research with colleagues from other departments
- Prospect of long-term funding upon completion of the research to advance the project

All proposals should include a description of the research work to be done including, resources that would be needed to complete the work, and expected timeframe.

**Funding:**
- A total of $200,000 in awards will be awarded during the Spring Semester 2015. The maximum award will be $25,000 with smaller awards granted as requested.
- Funding will be provided for a period of up to 12 months with a one-time request for a no-cost extension, should it be required.
- Funding will be disbursed in 2-3 payments, depending upon the expected project timeline, budget details and need. Initial funds will represent up to 50% of the total award and, based on quarterly financial reviews, subsequent funds will be disbursed.
- Salaries, if applicable, must include fringe for the specific amounts. Please refer to: [http://www.brandeis.edu/ora/FactSheetMaster/index.html](http://www.brandeis.edu/ora/FactSheetMaster/index.html) for details.
- Unused funding will be returned to the Provost at the end of an award term.

**What can Awards pay for?**
- Summer salary or summer stipend
- Graduate or undergraduate student workers (not already being charged to a grant)
- Equipment, research supplies and software
- Travel costs if required

**Deliverables:**
Upon completion of the research, the awardee will submit a report of the findings and appropriate next steps for future funding and publication if applicable. In addition, the report should include a summary of the expenses used to support the effort.

**Interim Activities:**
During each semester, Brandeis will hold a mini research colloquium where awardees will present their research and findings to date. The Brandeis community will be invited to
participate in round table discussions and possible future collaborations. A calendar of events will be published.

**Timeframe:**
Proposals are due Friday, March 27 and should be submitted on the electronic form provided. The form is created to accept your input. If you require additional space above and beyond the limitations in the form, please add an attached document.

Completed forms should be emailed to PROVGRANTS@BRANDEIS.EDU.

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Best,

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