

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM (TRIO SSSP)

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WHO WE ARE

The TRIO Student Support Services Program (TRIO SSSP) is a small, community-oriented program, funded by a federal TRIO grant from the U.S. Department of Education and institutional funds from Brandeis. SSSP is dedicated to working with 150 scholars who are among the first generation in their families to attend college and who have overcome significant barriers to higher education. Entirely free for program participants, our program promotes academic success by providing students with advising, tutoring, peer and faculty mentoring, cultural enrichment activities, and workshops. We affirm students' personal goals and career aspirations as they strive to dream, persevere, and succeed in college and beyond.

HOW WE HELP

- **Academic Achievement:** Our academic advisors offer individualized support, recognizing that success looks different to everyone, to help you navigate Brandeis. We offer tailored services including: academic advising, career/graduate school planning and financial education. We also provide comprehensive academic support with free peer tutoring and interactive workshops.
- **Campus Connections:** We cultivate students' sense of belonging within the Brandeis community by encouraging you to establish meaningful relationships with your peers and professors. We also serve as a bridge to University resources and link students with campus faculty and staff who can meet their needs. Our peer mentors provide personalized support to guide you through your first year in the program.
- **Community Engagement:** We aim to broaden students' horizons by exposing them to new cultural, social, and professional experiences, interactive workshops, and leadership opportunities. Our Student Leadership Board evokes pride in our diverse community by celebrating students' achievements and endeavors.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Our team of advisors provides holistic support. We can assist you with course selection, major exploration & selection, understanding the University's academic policies & processes, and applying for opportunities like fellowships, scholarships, internships, careers, and graduate/professional schools. We help you identify your interests, values, and academic skills, and connect with resources on campus.

OUR TEAM

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TO LEARN MORE OR SEE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT US!

MENTORING

First-Year TRIO SSSP students are matched with a Peer Mentor- an upper-class TRIO SSSP student who has committed to assisting you as you acclimate to the academic rigors and campus culture at Brandeis University! In your sophomore year, you are matched with a faculty mentor who can assist you in exploring major options and academic opportunities! Your mentors will serve as a coach, support system, and resource guide.

TUTORING

We hire more than 20 Peer Tutors, and Graduate Assistants to help you in writing, math, science, world languages, study skills and other challenging classes. Students in TRIO SSSP request tutors at the beginning of each semester, and they are matched with a peer who tutors them to their individualized needs and learning styles. This is done in a one-on-one, or small group session format.

CAREER PLANNING

In SSSP, we have systems in place to help you strategically think about your career trajectory based on your interests, strengths, and abilities. We encourage you to talk with your SSSP Advisor for assistance with:

- Developing a resume
- Cover letter writing
- Identifying internship and job opportunities
- Mock interviewing

COMPUTER LAB

Our computer lab is a space reserved for study and meeting for TRIO SSSP students. In the lab you will have access to:

- Mac computers
- Free printing
- A device charging station
- Individual white boards

A Resource Library with books to borrow
Laptops are also available to borrow for an extended period of time. ***The lab is open from 6:30AM-1:30AM via card access.***

CULTURAL & ACADEMIC TRIPS

We foster student's knowledge and broaden their horizons by offering them opportunities to attend cultural enrichment activities such as dance performances (Alvin Ailey Dance Theater), world-renowned plays, local museums, conferences, rock climbing, kayaking, and much more! We understand the importance of providing our students experiences to develop them into well-rounded scholars and people.

GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION

In addition to planning trips to schools within the New England area, and visits from graduate school representatives, TRIO SSSP staff can help you:

- Decide which educational path is right for you
- Research and apply to programs
- Compose a personal statement
- Provide resources for GRE, MCAT or LSAT
- Understand/complete admission requirements
- Apply for graduate school financial aid
- Request recommendations
- Attend professional school/graduate school fairs

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

In TRIO SSSP you would be given an opportunity to earn 4 to 8 credits toward your degree through immersive TRIO SSSP coursework: A First Year Experience, First-Year STEM, and Life After Brandeis (Junior/Senior) Learning Communities.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

We provide answers to questions about everyday financial literacy topics, financial aid, finding scholarships, and can connect you with Student Financial Services for textbook assistance and applying for financial aid.

WORKSHOPS

Our program offers TRIO SSSP scholars a variety of workshops including, but not limited to:

- Professional networking
- Academic studying skills
- Financial Literacy & Understanding Financial Aid

WELLNESS

Through a partnership with the Brandeis Counseling Center, participants are provided with access to dedicated licensed Community Therapists who have weekly hours in the TRIO SSSP lab.

WHAT IS TRIO?

TRIO is a network of programs funded through grants from the U.S. Department of Education. TRIO programs were established in 1965 to promote access to and success in higher education for first-generation and low-income students. Nationwide, there are over 1000 Student Support Services Programs. Other TRIO programs include the McNair Scholars Program, Upward Bound, Talent Search, and more. Eligibility for programs is determined by federal guidelines.

SSSP is funded through a TRIO SSS grant and Brandeis Institutional Funds. Services are contingent upon grant funding each fiscal year, which runs from September 1st-August 31st.

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