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 the Spring semester. 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.
- Students can apply in teams of 2 with DCS permission.
- Must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Must be on campus during the spring semester
- Must attend 1 information session about the program
- Be aware of community needs to ensure program is supported by a community partner and receive letter of support

Application Process & Timeline:

- **Friday, November 9** – Application Package due by 11:59 P.M.
  - Completed Essay Application
  - Project Budget Template
  - Updated Resume
  - Letter of Support from Community Partner
  - Financial Need Form (Optional/Confidential)
Do you want to be a part of a prestigious community engagement Fellowship?

Are you seeking between $500-$5,000 of funding for a sustainable project within 30 miles of Waltham?

Do you want a $500 stipend for your time dedicated to your project?

All applicants must attend an Information Session to see if you qualify and to learn more prior to submitting an application.

- September 7th, 1:00-2:00 PM in the SCC MPR
- September 25th, 8:00-9:00 PM in the SCC MPR
  - October 9th, 6:00-7:00 PM in the SCC MPR
  - October 17th, 5:30-6:30 PM in the SCC MPR

In addition, application and budget support workshops for interested applicants are held the following times:

- October 4th, 5:30-7:00, in the SCC 315
- November 1st, 5:30-7:00, in the SCC 313

If you have questions regarding the Rich/Collins Community Impact & Leadership Fellowship please contact Will Brummett, the Program Coordinator for Service Initiatives and Assessment at wbrummett@brandeis.edu or RCCLIF@Brandeis.edu or call 781-736-3237.