



## **CAST GRANTS FOR STUDENT PROJECTS RELATED TO CREATIVITY, THE ARTS AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

March 2015

Applications due on April 1, 2015 midnight at [go.brandeis.edu/CASTminor](http://go.brandeis.edu/CASTminor)

In the borderland between human suffering and human possibility we find artists, cultural workers, justice-seekers and peace-builders engaged in acts of courage, creativity, beauty and power. Brandeis's new minor in *Creativity, the Arts, and Social Transformation* (CAST) engages students in interdisciplinary exploration of the stories, the people, the actions and the artworks that animate this boundary. To learn more about the minor and the questions it poses, visit [go.brandeis.edu/CASTminor](http://go.brandeis.edu/CASTminor).

In the 2014-2015 academic year, the CAST minor anticipates awarding two grants of up to \$500 each for projects proposed by students enrolled in the introductory course, or who have previously taken The Arts of Building Peace.

The purpose of these grants is to recognize exemplary creative, scholarly and activist work at the nexus of arts, culture, justice and peace, and enable students to engage in further theoretical and practical learning about questions that are central to the minor. The award provides funds for activities that will take place between the end of the spring semester and October 1, 2015. Up to two awards of \$500 each will be granted.

Activities might include internships with artists and other change agents and organizations engaged in creative approaches to social change; interview and documentation projects; presentations at conferences and festivals; and independent research or creative projects.

Recipients of the award should identify a faculty or staff supervisor and/or a collaborating organization for their projects. They will be required to creatively present their work to the campus community during the month of October 2015.

### Eligibility:

All students who are taking CAST 150b – Introduction to Creativity, the Arts, and Social Transformation in the spring of 2015 are eligible to apply. In addition, all students who have taken The Arts of Building Peace in previous years are eligible.

### Instructions for Applications

Applicants should address the following questions in a brief proposal:

- What have you learned in CAST 150b or in The Arts of Building Peace and, if you have taken any, other CAST electives, that motivates you to pursue additional work in this field? List three examples of theory or practice that you have found especially meaningful. (one paragraph)
- Describe the activities you wish to pursue. What are they, and why are they important? (one paragraph)
- How have classes in the CAST minor influenced your interest in pursuing these activities? (one paragraph)
- How will you use the funds? You can include: living expenses, travel, supplies and equipment, conference fees, and other costs that allow you to undertake the activities you propose.
- In what (creative) ways might you report back to the Brandeis community about your experiences in and learning from the project you undertake?
- Provide specific contact information for your Brandeis supervisor or collaborating organization.

### Deadline

Applications will be due on midnight, April 1, 2015. They should be uploaded to the CAST website at [go.brandeis.edu/CASTminor](http://go.brandeis.edu/CASTminor).

A selection committee consisting of students, faculty and staff associated with the minor will assess the proposals based on:

- the value of the project to a community and/or the field
- the extent to which it builds on learning achieved through CAST courses
- the feasibility of the activities proposed
- the quality of the proposal itself

Winners will be announced before the end of April.

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