

+ CALL FOR APPLICANTS: Grants for Student Projects Related to CAST—Fall 2016

Applications due on November 29th by midnight at 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 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.

In the fall of 2016, the CAST minor anticipates awarding up to four grants of up to \$500 each for projects proposed by students currently or previously enrolled in the introductory course, or who have taken the earlier course entitled 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 creative work and 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 fall semester and April 1, 2017. Grant recipients will be expected to report on or share their work with the campus community, preferable during the Creativity, Arts and Social Transformation mini-festival during the Brandeis Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Arts.

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; elements of capstone projects; and independent research or creative projects. See here for examples of past recipients: <https://brandeis.edu/programs/cast/student-grants/2015-awarded.html>

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 months of April or May, 2017.

Eligibility:

All students who are taking or have taken CAST 150b – Introduction to Creativity, the Arts, and Social Transformation in the fall are eligible to apply. In addition, students who have completed 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 (formerly 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?
- Applicants should also provide specific contact information for their Brandeis supervisor or collaborating organization.

Deadline

Applications will be due on 11:59, on Sunday, November 29th, 2016. They should be uploaded to the CAST website at 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 the fall 2016 semester.