

Brandeis University Rich/Collins Community Leadership and Impact Fellowship

R/C CLIF Overview

Overview

The Rich/Collins Community Leadership & Impact Fellowship (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-\$4,000 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. The program strives to be inclusive and accessible, providing a modest prize stipend of \$600 to all fellows selected.

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

Application Process & Timeline:

Monday, November 4 –
Application Package due by 11:59 P.M.
Completed Essay
Application
Project Budget Template
Updated Resume
Letter of Support from
Community Partner



Info Sessions

- Do you want to be a part of a prestigious community engagement Fellowship?
- Are you seeking between \$500-\$4,000 of funding for a sustainable project within 30 miles of Waltham?
- Do you want a \$600 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.

- October 2nd, 5:00-6:00 PM in the SCC Room 313
- October 17 , 5:00-6:00 PM in the SCC Room 313

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

- October 30th - 12:00pm - 5:00pm, SCC Room 203

If you have questions regarding the Rich/Collins Community Impact & Leadership Fellowship please contact Taisha White, Community Service Specialist at RCCLIF@Brandeis.edu or call 781-736-3234.