

Brandeis University

Financial Aid

INFORMATION GUIDE

For International Students

Office of Student Financial Services
2019-20

FINANCIAL AID FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Throughout its 70-year history, Brandeis has valued diversity within its student body. Each year, significant institutional resources help support international students at the undergraduate level. The primary obligation for meeting educational costs remains with the families of students admitted to the university, but we are pleased to assist with university funds.

DETERMINATION OF AID AWARD

The Office of Student Financial Services has reviewed the *International PROFILE/International Student Financial Aid Application* and supporting documents that you sent with your application for admission. Using the financial information you reported on your application, the staff has calculated your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the amount of financial resources you and your parent(s) are expected to contribute. The amount of your tentative financial aid package is based on your EFC and our cost of attendance. Please note that additional information (such as documentation of parent income and assets) may be required to finalize your award.

We hope that your financial aid award sufficiently meets the need demonstrated in your documents, enabling you to accept our offer of admission.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Brandeis scholarships for international students are based on the academic and personal records submitted and are need-sensitive. If a scholarship is given to a student who has significant financial need, the scholarship may be supplemented with other forms of assistance to meet the need as determined by the Office of Student Financial Services. Financial aid

packages are often a combination of grants/scholarships, loans and on-campus employment.

Grant and scholarship assistance is awarded by the university only at the time of admission. Students cannot apply for scholarship consideration after they have received their admission letter nor in future years.

Successful academic performance at the university does not initiate or increase grant or scholarship assistance.

WIEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Wien International Scholarship Program has funded hundreds of students from all over the world since its inception in 1958. These need-based scholarships provide assistance to exceptionally accomplished international applicants who demonstrate strong academic achievement as well as significant extracurricular community involvement.

Wien Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Office of Admissions. If you have been selected for a Wien or other Brandeis scholarship, a notice will be included in your acceptance packet. Candidates who have been offered admission have been considered for all scholarship possibilities.

Scholarships are renewable on the basis of continued demonstrated need for a maximum of eight semesters of undergraduate study, unless advanced standing is awarded for previous academic work. Satisfactory progress toward graduation and the required grade-point average must be maintained for renewal.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GRANT

The Alumni and Friends Grant is direct-gift aid from the university that a student does not need to repay. Eligibility for this fund is based on financial need. Generous gifts and donations from alumni, parents and friends of the university provide funds for this grant, including several endowed scholarships, as a symbol of their commitment and dedication to future Brandeis graduates. Select students receive recognition of their achievements, generally as part of their financial aid package, as recipients of these special awards. Students may not apply for specific endowed scholarships; recipients of these awards will be selected and notified by the university.

The Alumni and Friends Grant is renewable on the basis of continued demonstrated need for a maximum of eight undergraduate semesters at Brandeis, unless the student begins university studies with advanced standing; in such cases, the grant will be for fewer than eight semesters. Satisfactory progress toward graduation must be maintained.

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

University Employment is funded entirely by the university. Students receive a weekly paycheck based upon actual hours worked. Actual earnings will depend upon the availability of hours involved in any given position. Although the Office of Student Financial Services provides students with listings of available positions on campus, it cannot guarantee employment. It is the student's responsibility to secure and maintain a job that will allow him or her to fulfill the work allocation.

The University Employment allotment is **not** credited to the student's account. In planning your payment of costs for each semester, please note that the work allotment should **not** be subtracted from what is due.

CALCULATING THE AMOUNT DUE ANNUALLY

Knowing your financial aid award is the first step in the process of determining what you will owe for a year's education at Brandeis. The Office of Student Financial Services issues billing statements prior to the start of each semester. **Fall semester bills will be due August 2, 2019, and spring semester bills will be due December 13, 2019.**

An interactive worksheet is available online at brandeis.edu/sfs/tuition-calculator to help you estimate your yearly cost.

Travel, books and personal costs not due directly to Brandeis are not included in this worksheet. We estimate \$1,000 annually for books and \$1,500 annually for personal expenses, although personal expenses vary greatly. Travel expenses will vary depending upon the country from which you are traveling.

PAYMENT TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Payment must be made each semester according to the schedule determined by the Office of Student Financial Services. Further information regarding billing will be mailed as part of the materials sent to students who accept our offer of admission.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL AID AWARD

We will presume that you are accepting the offer of financial aid when you return the enrollment card and deposit payment to the Office of Admissions.

TAXABILITY OF FINANCIAL AID

In accordance with the Tax Reform Act of 1986, if your aggregate scholarship and grant assistance exceeds tuition, required fees for course instruction or academic enrollment, and books/supplies (for which receipts have been kept), the amount in excess must be included in your taxable income. You are responsible for determining whether your scholarship, in whole or in part, should be included as taxable income. Wages earned through the Federal Work-Study and University Employment programs are taxable wage income and must be reported on your income-tax forms if you are required to file. You will receive a W-2 Wage and Income Statement from the university by January 31 for the previous tax year. Please contact the Internal Revenue Service or a tax preparer for further information or assistance with these tax issues.

RENEWAL OF THE FINANCIAL AID AWARD

Your financial aid is awarded for one year at a time. You must reapply for financial aid each academic year for which you wish to be considered for assistance. The amount of financial aid that you receive after the first year may vary, reflecting changes in your family's financial situation, the costs of attending Brandeis and the availability of funding, which may affect the amount of your Wien Scholarship or Alumni and Friends Scholarship from year to year. (Please note that your

financial aid package will be based on standard room and board costs for on- or off-campus housing.) You should expect the loan amount in your financial aid package to increase as you progress through your academic career at the university.

To reapply for financial aid, you must file the *CSS Profile* application and submit documentation of your parents' income and assets by April 1 of each year. Failure to file all renewal application materials by the stated deadline may result in a limited or partial award, registration complications, and/or late fees on your student account.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions or problems related to your financial aid, student account, student loans or student employment, please contact our office at sfs@brandeis.edu or 781-736-3700.

Brandeis University is committed to providing its students, faculty and staff with an environment conducive to learning and working and where all people are treated with respect and dignity. Toward that end, it is essential that Brandeis be free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of race; color; ancestry; religious creed; gender identity and expression; national or ethnic origin; sex; sexual orientation; age; genetic information; disability; Vietnam-era veteran, qualified special, disabled veteran, or other eligible veteran status; or any other category protected by law. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Vice President of Human Resources, Bernstein-Marcus building, 781-736-4464.

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