



2014-2015 Brandeis Bridges Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Brandeis Bridges, a second year student-led initiative to bridge the gap between the Black and Jewish communities at Brandeis University.

This program will be a deeply enriching experience that will provide you with leadership and programming skills, along with a community of your peers that will allow you to continue to grow as a Brandeisian.

Much of the Brandeis Bridges experience will actually take place pre and post trip, with workshops, events, discussions, leadership, and event planning. It is with this understanding that we expect applicants to be serious about the time commitment involved and the amount of effort each participant will need to exert. Fellows will be expected to devote at least 5 hours of their time a week to the initiative, whether that be in group meetings and activities, or personal planning for events on campus.

Please read over the application carefully. For additional information, please review our website brandeisbridges.wix.com/brandeis or contact us at brandeisbridges@gmail.com.

We look forward to reviewing your application and meeting you.

Sincerely,

Amanda Anderson

Dahlia Kushinsky



Brandeis Bridges Program Description

Overview

Brandeis Bridges is a student-led initiative to bridge the gap between the Black and the Jewish students at Brandeis. This initiative began as a partnership between the Brandeis Israel Public Affairs Committee (BIPAC), the Brandeis Black Student Organization (BBSO), and Martin Luther King and Friends. The Brandeis Bridges Fellowship will be composed of 5 Black and 5 Jewish fellows. This initiative is a full year commitment. It will include monthly programming between September-May, discussions and meetings, and a 5 day intercultural trip to the South of the United States, retracing the path of the Freedom Riders. The trip will take place **February 10-22, 2015**. The Brandeis Bridges program is a full-academic-year commitment. Students planning to study abroad or graduate early are not eligible to apply.

Program Benefits

Program costs—airfare, food, hotels, cultural program expenses—are fully covered for all fellows. The flights to and from Brandeis are also fully covered. Fees associated with obtaining passports are not included.

In addition to this cost-free trip, fellows will build a leadership network among fellow Brandeis students and will engage in deep learning and leadership development activities.

Eligibility

- You must be currently enrolled as a Brandeis undergraduate who is not planning on studying abroad during the current academic year, and who will not be graduating early. You must be able to commit a considerable amount of time (7-10 hours) per week to attending workshops, meeting with professors, programming for the trip, and planning events on campus, and attending and planning Brandeis Bridges club meetings.
- You must be available February 10-22, 2015 to attend the intercultural trip to the South.
- You must be willing to commit yourself to a full year as a fellow. Following the trip, you will be responsible for on-campus programming, helping to lead the Brandeis Bridges club, and for ensuring the continuity of the program for the following year.
- You must identify as either a member of the Black and/or Jewish community at Brandeis.
- All participants are required to complete medical forms if selected for the fellowship.



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Candidate Packet Instructions and Checklist

Please submit the following materials to the Brandeis Bridges club office, SCC room 334 or email the materials to brandeisbridges@gmail.com no later than **November 26th 12:00 A.M.** Only complete applications will be accepted.

✓ Candidate Information Sheet

Please submit a completed candidate information sheet with the application.

✓ Resume

Please submit a resume including any experience you may have had that you feel is relevant to the fellowship. We highly encourage you to have your resume reviewed by the Hiatt Career Center.

✓ Questions

Please submit answers to the following questions. Please limit your responses to 250 words each.

1. What are your experiences with the relations between the Black and Jewish students at Brandeis?
2. How are you going to serve as a bridge builder on campus following this trip? Please give a detailed response of your goals or an event that you would host.
3. Please share your role as a leader at Brandeis that results in you applying to be a Brandeis Bridges Fellow, including but not limited to your experiences on campus with inter-group dialogue and programming.
4. What are areas of growth you hope to experience on the trip and as part of the Fellowship experience?

Candidates' applications will be reviewed by a team of Brandeis administrators. Those selected for an interview will be contacted by the Brandeis Bridges co-coordinators.



Brandeis Bridges Candidate Information Sheet and Reference Form

Applicant Information

Name:

Class Year:

Major(s):

Minor(s)/Program(s):

Mail Box Number:

Campus Ext./Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Hometown:

High School Attended:

Response to Questions

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