The Institutes

With the inauguration of the Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI) in June, 2009, Brown University is set to build a new kind of academic community – responding to the needs of a rising generation of scholars from around the globe and contributing to global research through transnational academic collaboration.

Each June, Brown University, with support from Santander Universities, will host a series of Institutes under the BIARI umbrella.

Each Institute, designed specifically to address the needs and questions of its given field, will assemble young scholars from the Global South and the US, along with leading scholars and key global experts in the field, to build an open academic platform where dialogue is expanded, ideas are disseminated, and career opportunities are enhanced.

BIARI is an invaluable opportunity for young scholars as they embark on lives of research and teaching.

Objectives

Cutting edge research. Participants will reconsider canonical questions in small and intensive workshop-like settings, in which participants can share their work with one another and meet with leading figures in their field.

International network building. BIARI is committed to scholars from all parts of the world being heard in the wider academic conversation. Institutes are designed to foster South-South exchange, as well as opportunities for ongoing collaboration between rising scholars, and established experts.

A real alumni experience of sustained interaction. BIARI is a highly selective, residential program. Institute leaders and participants will have ample opportunity to socialize and network beyond the structured academic agenda, sharing meals and participating in other activities and excursions. Participants will also have full access to Brown’s world-class campus and facilities.

BIARI Schedule June 2009

Towards a Global Humanities: Critical Traditions from the Global South
(May 31st-June 13th, 2009)

This Institute will focus on critical intellectual traditions from the Global South. Discussion and debate will be configured around four main thematic clusters:
1) History, Democracy and the Politics of Memory;
2) Theorizing Violence: Contested traditions;
3) Global Flows: Diaspora and critical thought;

“To be at the forefront of research today means being in conversation with global peers. The Brown Institutes provide exciting opportunities to encounter new ideas, build collegial relationships and enrich faculty development for young scholars and teachers from around the world.”

-President Ruth J. Simmons
Brown University

Development and Inequality in the Global South
(May 31st - June 13th, 2009)

This Institute will focus on cutting-edge research and innovative methodologies used to explore, quantify and account for inequality, and promote new thinking about development.
The Genome and the Computational Sciences: The Next Paradigms (May 10 - May 16th, 2009)

This Institute will focus on emerging paradigms in the post-genome-sequence phase of genomics. Influential entrepreneurs and scholars will gather to present on and discuss the academic and technological advances made possible by their research and development work in computational molecular biology and biotechnology.

Law, Social Thought and Global Governance (June 7th-20th, 2009)

This Institute will examine specific areas of law (international economic law; labor; property and land reform; human rights; etc.) from a critical perspective, as well as exploring new approaches to institutional and regulatory structures at the global level.

Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (June 14th-27th, 2009)

This Institute will focus on the scholarly field of entrepreneurship and its potential application to business and academic contexts in the developing world, focusing on technology entrepreneurship and its intersection with 1) technology innovation and 2) development economics.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT may be available for international participants.

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