

Michael Bhatia Fund for Peace-keeping and Conflict Studies

Eligibility: IR seniors

Established in memory of Michael Vinay Bhatia '99, who died in May 2008 in Afghanistan, where he was working as a social scientist in consultation with the U.S. military, the Fund underwrites field work, study abroad, or thesis research by IR concentrators working on peace-keeping and conflict studies. It is awarded to a student who, like Michael Bhatia '99, hopes to deepen his/her understanding of a region or culture by traveling and studying there, with the ultimate goal of helping to promote cross-cultural understanding that might end or avert violence or military conflict.

IR Research and Travel Grants

Eligibility: IR juniors

Awards that support academic activities for IR students—for example, senior thesis research, research related to independent work, conference participation, internships, and special projects.

DS Research and Travel Grants

Eligibility: DS juniors

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Public Policy Research Grants

Eligibility: PLCY juniors and Seniors

The undergraduate public policy concentration and the Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy offer research grants of up to \$500 to support public policy concentrators working on senior theses and capstone projects. Awards can be used to support travel, supplies, fees, data collection, and other research-related costs associated with writing senior theses or completing capstone projects, and which meet the guidelines for University reimbursement. Grants are awarded twice a year, with application deadlines in early October and late February.

The Marla Ruzicka International Public Service Fellowship

Eligibility: All rising sophomores, juniors, seniors

The Marla Ruzicka International Fellowship provides up to \$4,000 to support the summer plans of one Brown undergraduate who displays the characteristics of compassion, determination, and selflessness in the pursuit of international human rights, post-conflict rehabilitation, or international public service in its most noble spirit, and whose summer plans reflect those traits.

Jack Ringer Summer in Southeast Asia Fellowship

Eligibility: All rising sophomores, juniors, seniors

The Jack Ringer Summer in Southeast Asia Fellowship is made possible through the generosity of Jack Ringer '52, who served in Burma after graduating from Brown. The award provides Brown students with up to \$4,000 to support summer travel to Southeast Asia to conduct research or work in an internship.

Requirements

Application:

- All students must submit a completed online application via UFUNDS, including:
 - *detailed* budget (amount per week for food, transportation (type), housing (type))
 - resume
 - transcript
 - personal statement
 - faculty recommendation (for thesis, must be advisor)
 - proposal (required for thesis research)

Pre-award:

- Within 5 days students must reply to the academic program that they will or will not accept the award.
- Recipients should be familiar with the IRB and HRPP guidelines for research involving human subjects.
- If travelling abroad, students are required to register Sojourn Abroad with the Office of International Programs.

Post-Award:

Within two weeks of returning to Brown all students are required to submit to the Program Manager the following:

- 1-2 page reflective essay summarizing the experience.
- Completed travel expense accounting form including copies of all receipts.
- 1-3 photographs that highlight the experience.
- If the student is unable to travel and/or conduct research after the award has been distributed s/he will be required to return the award money in full.
- If the original project was modified, an updated budget and travel expense accounting is required. Money not accounted for in the modified budget must be returned.