**Funding**

**Michael Bhatia Fund for Peace-keeping and Conflict Studies**

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.

**Amount:**Project-dependent

**Eligibility:**IR concentrator doing work for IR concentration credit

**Application deadline:**  Rolling deadline

**To apply:** [Log into UFunds and submit application](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/)

**Watson Senior Thesis Travel Grants**

Awarded to students who need to travel to conduct fieldwork for an approved senior thesis.

**Amount:**Up to $2,000

**Eligibility:**Concentrators in International Relations (IR) or Development Studies (DS). Grant recipients are expected to submit a completed thesis the following April.

**Application deadline**: April

**To apply:**[Log into UFunds and submit application](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/)

**Watson UTRAs (Undergraduate Teaching and Research Awards)**

The Watson UTRAs fund collaborative summer research projects for IR and DS students with Institute-affiliated faculty.

**To apply:**[Learn more and apply online through the Dean of the College](http://brown.edu/academics/college/fellowships/utra/)

**Summer Internship Awards**

Watson Summer Internship awards fund low-paying or unpaid summer internships with an international focus in areas related to the Institute's core research areas of security, development, and governance and its mission to promote a just and peaceful world. Internships may be in the US or abroad.

**More information:** <http://watson.brown.edu/research>.

**To apply**: [Log into UFunds and submit application](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/)

### The Marla Ruzicka International Public Service Fellowship

The Marla Ruzicka International Fellowship provides $3,500 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.

**To apply:**[Learn more and apply online via UFunds](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/apply/browse)

### Jack Ringer Summer in Southeast Asia Fellowship

### 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.

**To apply:**[Learn more and apply online via UFunds](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/apply/browse)

**Student Opportunities**

**Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC)**

Spring semester

The Conference has become a way of bringing together the nation's future Navy and Marine Corps officers with their peers from other colleges and universities, both civilian and military, from across the country and around the world. Participants include prominent politicians, leading academics and public intellectuals, government officials, and foreign dignitaries—providing a unique forum for scholarly discourse. Evening social activities organized by NAFAC provide a relaxed yet stimulating environment in which delegates can contemplate the most important issues discussed during the day. Delegates will also have the opportunity to discover the history and traditions of the Naval Academy and the US Navy.

**Amount:**All expenses covered.

**Eligibility:**IR senior or junior

**Application deadline**: February

**To apply:**[Log into UFunds and submit application](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/)

**Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA)**

Fall semester

The Student Conference on US Affairs is an annual four day conference hosted at The United States Military Academy at West Point. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate interaction and constructive discussion between civilian student delegates and West Point cadets in order to better understand the challenges that the United States faces in an increasingly global society. SCUSA delegates attend panel discussions, hear from high-profile keynotes speakers, and develop policy recommendations during roundtable sessions.

**Amount:**All expenses covered.

**Eligibility:**IR senior or junior

**Application deadline**: October

**To apply**: [Log into UFunds and submit application](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/)

#### Prizes and Awards for IR Concentrators

**Anthony Riccio Prize in International Relations**

Awarded in memory of Anthony Brian Riccio, Brown Class of 1996, who lost his life in Moscow on September 20, 1994, to that graduating senior who has demonstrated an unquenchable curiosity about another part of the world, a commitment to the rigorous learning of a foreign language, an intrepid pursuit of study abroad, and a pride in his university and in his country. Applications must include a statement from the student justifying the nomination, a written faculty recommendation from Brown, and any pertinent supporting materials.

**Nomination deadline:** Rolling deadline until April 15
**Eligibility:** IR senior
**To apply:** [Log into UFunds and submit application](https://apps.college.brown.edu/ufunds/)

**Academic Achievement in International Relations Prize**

Given to members of the IR graduating class who demonstrated outstanding academic performance in the IR concentration.

**Mark and Betty Garrison Prize**
Awarded for the best thesis in international relations, foreign policy analysis, or diplomatic history. The prize honors the work of Mark and Betty Garrison who helped create the Center for Foreign Policy Development (CFPD) at Brown University in 1981.

**Samuel C. Lamport Prize**
Awarded for the best thesis on international understanding with an emphasis on cooperation and tolerance.

**Watson Institute for International Studies Outstanding Thesis Award**Best IR thesis related to the Institute’s core research areas of security, development, or governance.

**Concentration Service and Leadership Award**

Celebrates that graduating IR senior who demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to the IR concentration and his or her fellow concentrators.