The Nathan and Toby Starr Fellowship in Disability Policy will provide an opportunity for Brandeis University undergraduate students with a strong interest in disability policy to develop research skills and expand their knowledge of disability policy. The goal of the Starr Fellowship program is to identify future researchers and offer them direct research training with established investigators currently working at the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy.

Application/Selection Process

Applications will be accepted starting early April 2019 from rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The submission of application materials will include a completed application online form; one-page statement of interest; resume; letter of recommendation from a Brandeis professor; and your Brandeis transcript. Applications are due by April 30, 2019. Candidates from the total pool of applicants may be asked to interview with the Lurie Institute team. Selected students will be chosen as Starr Fellows for the upcoming year. Notification of the award will occur by May 15, 2019.

Fellowship Opportunities/Outcomes

Starr fellows will be awarded a $4,000 stipend, and will be expected to work approximately 6-8 hours per week, during the 2019 school year (August 28, 2019 - April 30, 2020), with Lurie Institute for Disability Policy senior researchers. The fellowship will include working with a Lurie mentor on ongoing research in disability policy at the Lurie Institute. Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in local disability community events and may be able to attend a disability-related research conference and co-author a peer reviewed publication. Toward the conclusion of the fellowship, students will be expected to produce one opinion piece for publication in an online magazine/newspaper such as the Huffington Post related to the topic they have been studying, and to present their research to the Heller School for Social Policy’s doctoral/postdoctoral seminar in disability policy.

Your application should be proofread carefully, assembled according to the instructions provided, and submitted online by Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Please submit your final application through our online form no later than 11:59pm on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Late applications will not be considered.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(1) Applicant information submitted into online form.

(2) Statement of Interest, no more than 500 words in length, describing the following:

1. What interests you about disability policy?
2. What do you hope to accomplish in this fellowship?
3. How does this fellowship align with your professional goals?

(3) Resume, including honors, special programs in which you are enrolled, extracurricular activities, etc.

(4) Your transcript – one PDF copy.

(5) Letter of Recommendation from a Brandeis professor – confidential and sent via email to aabushanab@brandeis.edu.

Statement of interest, resume, and transcript may be submitted through the online form.

Letters of Recommendation may be sent directly from the professor to aabushanab@brandeis.edu.

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