

# Applications for The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy Student Fellowship

**The Lurie Institute Student Fellowship in Disability Policy** provides an opportunity for Brandeis University undergraduate and Heller MPP students with a strong interest in disability policy to develop research skills and expand their knowledge of disability policy. The goal of the 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

The current application process has closed. Applications for the upcoming fellowship cohort will be accepted starting in the early spring of 2025 from current freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors on the 5-year track, and Heller MPP students. The submission of application materials will include a completed online application with a one-page statement of interest, resume, and your Brandeis transcript. **A letter of recommendation from a Brandeis professor should be sent directly to [aabushanab@brandeis.edu](mailto:aabushanab@brandeis.edu) from the faculty member.** Applications will be due by the announced deadline. Candidates from the total pool of applicants may be asked to interview with the Lurie Institute team. Selected students will be then chosen as research fellows for the upcoming year; notification of acceptance will occur by mid-May of 2025.

## Fellowship Opportunities/Outcomes

Fellows will be compensated \$18 per hour and will be expected to work approximately 6–8 hours per week during the school year (September 2025–early May 2026), with Lurie Institute for Disability Policy senior researchers. Fellows will work with a Lurie mentor on ongoing research in disability policy at the Lurie Institute and will be expected to attend all- fellow workshops to complement the research. 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 create a dissemination product related to the topic they have been studying, and to present their research to the Heller School for Social Policy and Brandeis community.

**Your application should be proofread carefully, assembled according to the instructions provided, and [submitted online](#) by 11:59pm of the announced deadline date.**

**Late applications will not be considered.**

## Application Checklist

1. Applicant information submitted into the [online form](#).
2. Statement of Interest, no more than 700 words in length, describing the following:
  - a. What interests you about disability policy?
  - b. What do you hope to accomplish in this fellowship?
  - c. How does this fellowship align with your professional goals?
  - d. What are significant barriers that you've faced and how have you overcome them?
3. Resume, including honors, special programs in which you are enrolled, extracurricular activities, etc.
4. Your transcript — one PDF copy. An unofficial transcript is acceptable.
5. Letter of Recommendation from a Brandeis professor. Your reference should send their letter directly to [aabushanab@brandeis.edu](mailto:aabushanab@brandeis.edu).

## Reminder

Statement of Interest, Resume, and Transcript may be submitted through the [online form](#).

**Letters of Recommendation should be sent directly from the professor to [aabushanab@brandeis.edu](mailto:aabushanab@brandeis.edu).**

*If you have any questions, please contact:*

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