



The Lurie Institute Undergraduate Fellowship in Disability Policy provides 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 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 2020 from rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. 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 from the faculty member. Applications are due by May 1, 2020. Candidates from the total pool of applicants may be asked to interview with the Lurie Institute team. Selected students will be then chosen as undergraduate research fellows for the upcoming year; notification of acceptance will occur by May 15, 2020.

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 2020-2021 school year (late August 2020- late April 2021), 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. 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 Friday, May 1, 2020. 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.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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