

Civic Engagement Student Fellows Program

Program description

In the academic year 2018-19 Bard College Berlin will continue offering the Civic Engagement Student Fellows program. Civic Engagement Student Fellows have the opportunity to develop projects aimed at improving the local community in Pankow or greater Berlin, or making a difference in their home countries. The topic of the projects is open, but projects should be conceived of as ones that will ultimately involve the participation from other interested students or staff from Bard College Berlin rather than being individual in nature. Examples might include creating a program for tutoring neighborhood children in English, arts or sports; opening a Bard College Berlin branch of Human Rights Radio; developing on-going services for asylum seekers or advocacy groups; organizing a delegation of students to do needed work in a student's home community during the spring break or summer holiday; or any other project that will have a positive social outcome and is feasible to get up and running in one academic year.

In previous years Student Fellows projects included:

- *BCB Open Campus Against Closed Borders* aiming to welcome to our campus refugees, migrants, and asylum-seekers that are interested in university resources
- *Pankow Theater Company* that offered weekly theatre workshops for German high school students in the local community of Pankow
- *Prost to Compost* and *Bard Berlin Goes Green!* – projects promoting environmental education on campus
- *Clowning workshops* training students to be medical clowns in order to work with children in refugee camps, hospitals or marginal communities
- *Lingo 101* offering language instructions and cultural exchange
- *Tell Your (His)Story* giving students a chance to make their country's story known

Program Details 2018-19

The Civic Engagement Fellowship will be noted on official transcripts and will come with an annual €1000 scholarship. Civic Engagement Fellows will also be invited to the annual Bard/HESP Network student entrepreneurship conference in spring in Budapest (pending satisfactory progress in their projects as of December 2018, submission of a formal application for the conference and first-time attendance).

Program Requirements

Fellows will be expected to participate in regular meetings, to prepare short reports on the progress of their projects, to attend any required campus civic engagement events, to encourage involvement of fellow students, and to give formal presentations of their project at the end of the academic year.

Application Process and Eligibility

Fellows will be selected through an application process. To apply, students must be enrolled in a 4-year BA degree at Bard College Berlin or work with a fellow project coordinator who is enrolled in a BA degree at Bard College Berlin.

Applications should contain:

- 1) a description of the proposed project;
- 2) a statement explaining why you are interested in this project and what skills or experiences you have that will enable its successful completion; and
- 3) an estimated budget (if needed). Bard College Berlin cannot commit to covering all costs listed in student budgets. Any project with a large proposed budget must also include a preliminary plan for raising funds. Bard College Berlin will provide reimbursements up to 100 Euro to cover expenses absolutely necessary for the project. Fellows should check with Bard College Berlin before buying or ordering any materials.

Applications are due on September 23, 2018. Fellows will be announced on October 1, 2018. The application form can be downloaded from the Bard College Berlin website or obtained via email from Xenia Muth (x.muth@berlin.bard.edu). For further information, please see Xenia Muth (x.muth@berlin.bard.edu).

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Application Form

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- Application Form
- Description of the proposed project
- Statement explaining why you are interested in this project and what skills or experiences you have that will enable its successful completion
- Estimated budget if needed. Bard College Berlin cannot commit to covering the costs listed in student budgets. Any project with a proposed budget over 100 Euro must also include a preliminary plan for raising funds.

1. General Information	
Name	
Country of Origin	
Birthday	
Bard College Berlin Program	
Language Skills	
Project Title	

2. Please describe your project

3. Please explain why you are interested in this project. What skills or experiences do you offer that will enable a successful completion of your project

4. Please provide an estimated budget and explain how you intend to fund your project. Include a preliminary proposal for raising funds if your project involves anything over 100 Euro in costs.