



Sidney E. Frank Scholars
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Sidney Frank Scholars: Resources and Useful Information

The Sidney E. Frank Scholarship

Founded in 2004, the Sidney E. Frank Scholarship funds tuition for about 130 undergraduate students at Brown each year. Dean Maitrayee Bhattacharyya is the Dean and lead coordinator for advising and programs for Sidney Frank Scholars. Programs include a Welcome Reception and Graduation Reception for Scholars each academic year.

The Sidney Frank Scholars Association (SFSA)

We are a group of scholars who work closely with Dean Bhattacharyya on annual events and special activities for Sidney Frank Scholars. These include:
Frank Chats Monthly events focused on building the SFS community, offering peer-to-peer support, and creating opportunities to connect to staff and faculty. Keep an eye on the **Events Calendar** for this year's upcoming events!
Frank Buddy Program A network of fellow Scholars who act as friendly personal guides to Brown's resources and student life. Incoming freshmen are paired with a returning Sidney Frank Scholar who is their Frank Buddy. **SFSA Newsletter** Brought to you by the SFSA Coordinators with the goal of providing

updates on events, information about resources, and a place for the community to share thoughts.

Career Resources

First-Year Career Advisor Every first-year is assigned a personal Career Advisor to begin the conversation about exploring career options.

Sophomore-Senior Professional Skills Program Open to sophomore, junior, and senior scholars who sign up. A Career Advisor helps with resumes, informational interviewing, networking, and internships. Participants take part in an information interview with a Brown alum and receive feedback; the program closes with an etiquette lunch or dinner.

Financial Information

Work-Study/Campus Employment

Freshmen Year - SF Scholars receive a University Work scholarship for their first year at Brown, so that they can focus on other campus activities.

Sophomore – Senior Years - SF Scholars, like all other students who received need-based financial aid, will receive a work-study or campus employment component in their financial aid packages.

- For 2015-2016 academic year the amount is \$2800. Students are expected to work either on or off-campus to receive a biweekly paycheck. The current minimum wage at Brown is \$9.20 per hour, which would require a student to work between 8 and 10 hours per week to earn this amount.
- If you feel that you will not be able to manage a work-study or campus job, please visit the Office of Financial Aid to discuss other options that maybe available to you, such as the use of an outside scholarship award or applying for a federal loan.
- When studying abroad, scholars will receive scholarship funds in place of the work-study requirement.

The University expects students to earn funding during the summer, and calculates this Summer Earnings Expectation into the student contribution portion of the financial aid package. This summer expectation increases each year.

Seeking Student Employment Finding an on-campus job is not always easy, but there are a number of resources to help. Sign up for Jobmail at <http://brown.edu/about/administration/student-employment/> to receive

quick updates on new openings. Since first year students are not required to do work-study, we encourage you to use some of this time to make contacts with various offices, departments, and faculty on job openings for the following year.

Refund Requests Some students are surprised to find a negative balance when looking at their “Current Account Status” at <http://payment.brown.edu>. This negative balance indicates that there is excess money in your account (positive values indicate you owe money).

You can receive this excess money in the form of a check by completing a Student Refund Request Form, which can be filled out at the Bursar’s Office or at www.brown.edu/about/administration/bursar/policies. Refund requests may take up to 10 business days to process, and the funds will not be available until after the start of classes. These checks may be picked up at the Bursar’s Office or may be delivered to your home address or your student mailbox. You now also have the option of receiving electronic refunds sent to your U.S. personal checking or savings account.

Health Insurance SF scholars are eligible to have additional University Scholarship to cover the costs of the University Health Insurance. We suggest contacting Financial Aid liaison Melanie Neves to request this additional scholarship if you plan to remain enrolled in the University’s health insurance plan. If a scholar has private medical insurance through a parent, scholars can contact Cheryl Moan from the Office of Insurance and Risk, who would be able to waive the insurance charge. More Info: http://brown.edu/Administration/Office_of_Insurance_and_Risk/.

Financial Aid Renewal Workshop Questions about summer and semester study abroad, what outside scholarships can cover, and Brown summer internship funding (including the LINK award and the Summer Earnings Waiver) can be discussed in this event. Information about these and other workshops such as “Successful Scholarship Searches” and “How to create and maintain a budget” are available via the Quick Links section of the Office of Financial Aid website (under “Get Your Bearings: Brown Financial Literacy”).

Emergency Funds If you have an emergency that requires financial assistance, contact Dean Bhattacharyya. Possible reasons may include emergency transportation, medical costs, or other emergency expenses outside of the financial aid package. Emergency single-use Dining Dollars for meals on campus are also available.

Going off meal-plan or off campus Your University scholarship will not be reduced or increased if going off meal-plan or living off-campus. You can obtain the excess funds via a Student Refund Request Form (more information above).

However, you will be responsible for managing your own finances and spending habits.

Financial Planning The Office of Financial Aid website has many resources you may find helpful in planning financially for your first year and beyond. We encourage you to read “Top 10 things to consider before coming to Brown” and attend the “Get Your Financial Bearings” series of workshops at: BROWN.EDU/GO/GETYOURBEARINGS.

Undergraduate Summer Session at Brown Financial aid has typically been available for a large portion of summer course tuition, although scholars are responsible for finding and funding their own housing. We recommend contacting Financial Aid liaison Melanie Neves to determine if you have eligibility for federal summer grants and loans to help cover the cost of housing.

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have!

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