Based on the responses of 32 students newly returned from a leave of absence. These responses are just a small sample of the 85 students that returned to Brown in Fall 2019, and the many more students that return in the Spring semester, but this data provides a window into the varied experiences of students on leave from Brown.

### LENGTH OF LEAVE

- 40.6% 1 semester away
- 40.6% 2 semesters
- 9.4% 4 semesters
- 6.3% 3 semesters
- 3.1% 10 semesters

### TYPES OF LEAVE

- 48.4% Medical leave
- 38.7% Personal Leave
- 12.9% Academic leave

### MOTIVATIONS TO TAKE LEAVE

- 67.7% Mental health
- 51.6% Break from academics
- 41.9% Break from social life/life at Brown
- 35.8% Family-related
- 19.4% Job opportunities
- 19.4% Financial considerations
- 16.1% Physical health
- 12.9% Personal projects
- 9.7% Ready for adventure
REGIONS OF THE WORLD VISITED ON LEAVE

- 34.4% Western U.S.
- 28.1% Eastern U.S. (not PVD)
- 28.1% Providence, RI
- 18.8% Southern U.S.
- 18.8% Western U.S.
- 18.8% Asia
- 9.4% Other part of U.S.
- 6.3% Central America
- 6.3% South America
- 3.1% Africa, Australia/New Zealand, Pacific Island, Canada

NATURE OF LEAVE

- 60% Paid employment
- 43.3% Internship
- 26.7% Travel/leisure
- 33.3% Volunteering
- 16.7% Research

Other activities included taking university classes, receiving mental health/psychiatry care, and resting at home.

FUNDING OF LEAVE

- 72.4% Family support
- 58.6% Job
- 27.6% Savings
- 3.4% Scholarship/fellowship
- 3.4% Grant
TESTIMONIALS: TRANSITION BACK TO BROWN

"A lot better than I thought it would be. All of my friends are super welcoming and supportive."

"I feel a lot more intentional with my education, and gained various work experiences and acquired finance, industry knowledge, which has become very helpful in searching for job opportunities after college and in social confidence."

"It's interesting joining a new class ('21) where most students already have formed social groups. I welcome the change, as it was part of why I wished to take leave from Brown. I've found it helpful joining new groups now that I'm back."

"Remember to reenroll in meal plan when returning. They don't automatically reenroll you."

"It is both exciting and scary coming back after such a long gap because you know less people and things seem very different."

56.3% of students say that taking a leave positively benefited their academic life at Brown, with 37.5% saying they were not sure yet.

61.3% of students say they have reconsidered their concentration and/or academic path since returning to Brown.