The Rosen Fellowship Program Guidelines

OVERVIEW
The Rosen Fellowship Program at Brooklyn College will support up to eight undergraduate students who exhibit extraordinary creativity, determination, and promise in articulating and pursuing their career and life goals. It will provide opportunities for self-identified out-of-the-classroom experience necessary for personal or career advancement for those who might otherwise not have such opportunities.

The range and structure of fellowship activities will be limited only by your imagination, resourcefulness and determination. Fellows should consider a wide variety of activities that may include study abroad, personalized internships, scientific research, artistic expression, community engagement, Dale Carnegie courses, LSAT preparation, etc. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of creativity and the degree to which the proposed activities will credibly advance the applicant’s articulated personal and professional life goals.

The fellowships will be competitive and will provide stipends of up to $5,000 to each of the winners.

ELIGIBILITY
All full-time undergraduate Brooklyn College students in good standing may apply for the Fellowship provided that, at the time of application, he or she has completed at least 30 credits and will be a full-time student through the Fall 2016 semester.

APPLICATION PROCESS
It is vital that applicants work with the Scholarship Office to craft their applications. Stephen Gracia is available to provide feedback to students. Please contact him at sgracia@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

CRITERIA
To be chosen as a Rosen Fellow, a student must provide convincing evidence of exceptional intellectual, creative, civic, or leadership ability and promise through the application, recommendations, and personal interview. He or she must further propose a fellowship experience that will facilitate the pursuit of an intense interest beyond the scope of an academic course, a vocational commitment, routine summer job, internship, or enrichment program. In short, to become a Rosen Fellow, a student must demonstrate

1. exceptional capacity to self-identify a compelling life goal
2. the drive, focus and will-power to pursue the goal
3. the imagination and resourcefulness to plan a fellowship experience that will credibly advance the likelihood of achieving the goal
THE FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE

The range and nature of fellowship experiences will be bounded only by feasibility, and the imagination and resourcefulness of successful applicants. The duration and location of the fellowship experience may vary accordingly, but the fellowship experience should be completed within the summer immediately following the submission of the application.

The application should propose a fellowship experience that

1. reflects the fellow’s ability
2. advances the fellow’s intense interest in some demonstrable fashion
3. is concretely and coherently conceived and planned
4. has a logical and definable duration
5. is “achievable” under the terms of the program and within University rules, policies, and procedures
6. is supported by a budget demonstrating that the fellowship experience has been planned in an efficient and economical manner
7. is likely to affect the fellow’s life significantly

Each fellow will be responsible for making his/her own fellowship experience arrangements. Each fellow takes full responsibility for these arrangements and for his/her own conduct and safety during the fellowship experience. Each fellow will be required to sign a form releasing the University from responsibility for property damage, personal injury, accidents, illness, death, or other harm that might occur as a result of the fellowship experience. Each fellow will be required to carry sufficient medical insurance for the period of the award. If the fellowship experience includes travel, that insurance must include a specific provision for evacuation to a location for appropriate medical treatment, if necessary.

THE FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION AND DINNER

Students will attend the Fellows Dinner to be held each spring. On that occasion, new fellows will describe the experiences they are about to undertake, and those completing fellowship experiences will discuss their projects. Newly selected fellows will be required to present on their experience during a Fall 2016 event. Rosen Fellows may also be required to participate in various events designed to promote the Rosen.
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In addition to the online application, students must hand in the following materials.

A. Fellowship Experience Budget

As specifically as possible, list the expenses connected with the fellowship experience you describe. Wherever possible, these should be ACTUAL rather than estimated expenses. If estimated, indicate the basis for your estimate. Please total these expenses. The maximum possible stipend is $5,000.

B. Supporting Letters

Give a copy of your COMPLETED application to two individuals who are in a position to (1) assess the talent/promise you cite as the basis for your consideration as a Rosen Fellow, and (2) comment on the likely benefit and feasibility of the fellowship experience you propose. If your proposed experience requires obtaining special permission from companies, archives, government agencies, faculty members, or other individuals/organizations, letters of support or authorization must be separately attached.

Please ask them to send ONE ORIGINAL copy of their letter to:

Stephen Gracia
Office of Scholarships
Brooklyn College
2900 Bedford Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11210

The letters must arrive by the application deadline, January 14th, 2016. Letters of support must be received separately from your application.

C. Résumé

A current personal résumé, listing work experience, campus and community activities, and honors and awards received in college and high school.

D. Transcript

An unofficial copy of your current College transcript.

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