

Karbank Philosophy Fellowships for Boston University Undergraduate Students

The Philosophy Department at Boston University is pleased to announce this year's competition for Karbank Fellowships for undergraduate BU students who are taking or who have taken at least one philosophy class at BU. The purpose of these Fellowships is to assist students in pursuing their philosophical reflections in any of a number of ways and venues. For example, a student interested in environmental ethics might intern for a nonprofit doing environmental work, or for a legal firm involved in environmental litigation, or for an organization that seeks new ways of resolving pressing environmental issues whether global or local (these new ways could include libertarian proposals, or new technologies, or sustainability initiatives here at BU, or involve hands-on field work—to mention but a few possibilities). The Fellowships are not limited to projects related to environmental issues: any structured activity, study, or hands-on experience that would significantly enrich the student's philosophical understanding of self and world is a candidate for support. While holding an internship or working at a nonprofit organization are obvious ways to achieve this aim, the evaluation committee will also consider proposals that involve such things as taking a relevant course that cannot be taken at BU, or pursuing in one way or another a relevant branch of study. Examples of previous successful awards can be found at <http://www.bu.edu/philo/undergraduate-students/karbank-fellowship/>

Successful applicants will receive up to \$6,000: \$2,000 of this is a grant recognizing the awardee's excellence and up to \$4,000 is for budgeted expenses. Preference will be given to philosophy majors and minors, though any currently enrolled student who has studied philosophy at Boston University may apply.

Applications should include:

- (1) a typed one page single-spaced proposal that states clearly what the Fellowship would be used for and why it is worthy of support;
- (2) a budget;
- (3) a letter of recommendation from a BU faculty member (sent directly by the recommender to the email address listed below);
- (4) a transcript (unofficial copies are acceptable).

The first two items must be in a single Word or PDF document.

Successful candidates will receive requested expenses at the start of the project, with the remaining \$2,000 awarded at the end, contingent on the student submitting within one week of the completion of the project a one page typed report, along with a letter from the organization (if applicable) with which the candidate worked confirming that the student did perform the required duties. Any funds not used for the purposes requested must be promptly returned to the philosophy department. Funds are potentially taxable, and may have deductions taken out upon disbursement.

The completed application is due no later than **Monday April 8th, 2019**, to the Karbank Fellowship Evaluation Committee, at casphilo@bu.edu. Please contact Mr. John McCargar at that address with any questions you may have.

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