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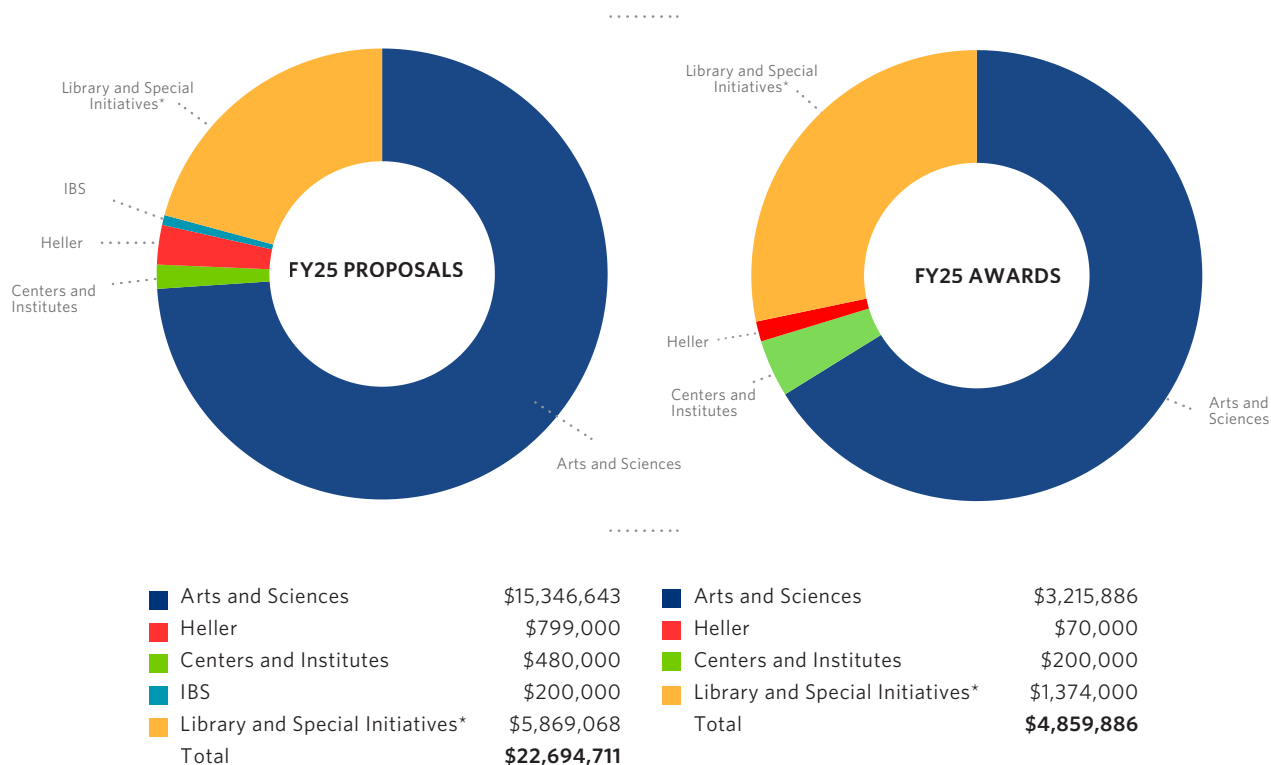
CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION RELATIONS

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Brandeis University Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) is the unit within Institutional Advancement charged with securing support from private philanthropic and commercial organizations to advance the university's research, teaching and service missions. We partner with university leadership, faculty and staff across campus to build relationships, develop proposals and attract funding for the projects and programs that keep Brandeis at the forefront of scholarship, liberal arts education and promoting social good.

FY25 PROPOSALS AND AWARDS

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 (FY25), CFR advanced 42 proposals to foundations and corporations, seeking a total of \$22.7 million — a 4% decrease from the previous fiscal year — and helped secure 21 new awards, totaling \$4.86 million — an increase of 29.4% from FY24. Funding from private organizations made up 20.7% of the university's total FY25 philanthropic support.



Corporate and foundation giving to Brandeis may be administered as sponsored programs or as gifts, depending on the level of restriction imposed on the use of funds.

*Includes President's Initiative on Antisemitism and Consortium for the Teaching of Hebrew Language and Culture.



HOW DID FOUNDATIONS AND CORPORATIONS SUPPORT BRANDEIS IN 2025?

Advancing Research and Scholarship

A \$500,000, five-year Rita Allen Scholar award from the Rita Allen Foundation will support Alex Johnson's (Biology) research into the structure, action, and evolutionary history of the proteins that form the pores embedded in cell membranes that mediate the cell's relationship to the outside world. Johnson is Brandeis's first Rita Allen Scholar, one of the most prestigious early-career awards in the biomedical sciences. A new \$1.1 million grant from the Edmond J. Safra Philanthropic Foundation will fund four new five-year Ph.D. fellowships in Sephardic Studies in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, leveraging the extraordinary faculty strength Brandeis has developed in the field.

Expanding Student Financial Aid

A \$300,000 gift from the Edelstein Family Foundation of Minneapolis, MN, subsidized the attendance of six Brandeis undergraduates with financial need in AY24-25. The Edelstein Family Foundation has been enabling deserving students from all over the country to afford a Brandeis education since 1956, and its annual grants now support between five and seven scholars every year.

Supporting Curricular and Co-Curricular Innovation

A \$300,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment (Indianapolis) is funding a campus-wide exploration of ways to incorporate character development into academic programming by promoting and modeling respectful communication and debate, under the direction of Anita Hill (Heller) and Dan Kryder (Politics). The project builds on the Just Community approach to support students' moral development and responsibility through reforming the practices and culture of the school as an organization.

Underwriting Community-Engaged Learning

A \$10,000 grant from a prominent corporate foundation will help fund students in the Samuel Scholars Program to undertake a student-led project focused on improving accessibility on campus and in the City of Waltham. A core program of the Vic '63 and Bobbi Samuels '63 Center for Community Partnerships and Civic Transformation (COMPACT), the year-long Samuels Scholar Program offers first- and second-year students, especially students who are first-generation and/or from low-income families, an introduction to community engagement at Brandeis, a stipend to support their engagement, and the opportunity to implement an "action plan" for making real change in the local community.

To learn more about recent CFR grants, visit brandeis.edu/cfrgrants.

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

CFR assisted over 88 faculty and academic staff last year, from every school and academic unit. The CFR News Digest informs the campus of relevant support from foundations and corporations to U.S. colleges and universities, along with new funding opportunities and request-for-proposal deadlines. It reaches close to 495 faculty and staff and has an open rate of 67.7%.

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