

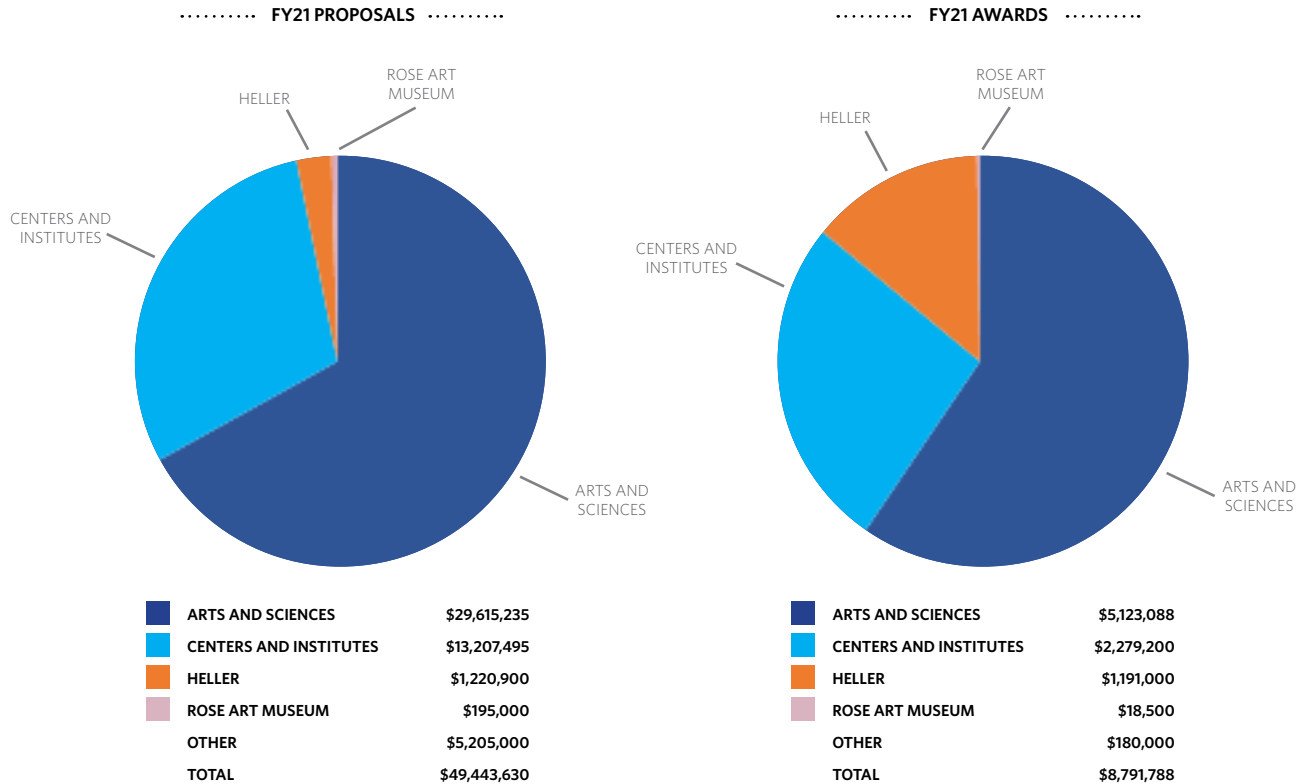
## CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION RELATIONS

### 2021 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.

#### FY21 PROPOSALS AND AWARDS

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 (FY21), CFR advanced **102 proposals** to foundations and corporations, seeking a total of \$49.4 million — a 215% increase from the previous fiscal year — and helped secure **35 new awards**, totaling \$8.8 million — an increase of 2.3% from FY20. **Funding from private organizations made up 31% of the university's total FY21 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. In FY21, 77% of corporate and foundation philanthropy to Brandeis came in the form of sponsored program funding. **Funding from private organizations made up 17% of the university's total sponsored program funding in FY21.**



## **EXAMPLES OF NEW CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION AWARDS**

### **Religion in American Life**

The Templeton Religious Trust, one of several charitable organizations established by Sir John Templeton, will support the Brandeis Chaplaincy Innovation Lab with \$1.5 million over three years to study the demand for chaplaincy and spiritual care across the country. Led by Wendy Cadge, professor of sociology and women's, gender and sexuality studies and dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Lab will conduct a national survey and in-depth interviews to learn who engages with chaplains and what their experiences have been.

### **Biology Research**

The International Human Frontier Science Program Organization, a Strasbourg-based foundation promoting international research collaboration and funded by contributions from 38 member countries, awarded its prestigious \$1 million *Early Career Research Grant* to Assistant Professor of Biology Alexandre Bisson and collaborators at Oxford and Tübingen. The team will investigate the intricate molecular machinery that Archaea—single-celled lifeforms organized like bacteria but with genomes closely resembling eukaryotes—use to interact with their physical environments.

### **Economics**

The Atran Foundation, a family foundation devoted to Jewish and Yiddish culture and human welfare, agreed to endow the *Atran Chair in Labor Economics* in perpetuity, after 65 years of supporting the chair with annual gifts. Christine Bishop, professor of health economics at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, is the current holder of the Atran Chair.

### **Art Conservation**

Bank of America, celebrating a decade of funding the conservation of historically or culturally significant works of art that are in danger of deterioration, awarded the Rose Art Museum a modest grant to support the treatment and care of three pivotal permanent collection works that will serve as anchors for the Rose's 60th anniversary exhibition. Among the works to be conserved are Ellsworth Kelly's *Blue White* (1962), one of the Rose's most iconic paintings, acquired directly from the artist's studio the very year it was painted, and Robert Motherwell's *Elegy to the Spanish Republic, No. 58* (1957-1961), a response to the violence of war.

To learn more about additional recent CFR grants, visit [brandeis.edu/cfrgrants](https://brandeis.edu/cfrgrants).

## **CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

CFR assisted over 80 faculty and academic staff last year, from every school and academic unit. The CFR Monthly 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 over 370 faculty and staff and has an average open rate of 48.4%.

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