



CIRCLE Fellowship

APPLICATION FORM 2011-2012

The Center for Interreligious and Communal Leadership Education (CIRCLE) of Andover Newton Theological School and Hebrew College is now accepting interfaith fellowship proposals for the 2011-2012 academic year.

CIRCLE's mission is to support Hebrew College and Andover Newton in the work of equipping religious leaders for service in a multi-religious world. Students in any of the graduate programs at ANTS or HC are eligible to apply for this fellowship. The focus of the CIRCLE programming is Jewish-Christian-Unitarian Universalist interfaith learning and leadership, with the intent of broadening our work to include members of other religious and secular communities. The primary requirement for fellowship applications is to work with a **partner** (a *havruta*) from the other school in developing a project. The CIRCLE staff is available to help pair students from ANTS and HC.

Applicants must be knowledgeable and articulate about their own religious tradition, adept at organizing and facilitating religious educational programming, and committed to working collaboratively with a team of students and faculty from ANTS and HC. We seek entrepreneurial candidates with a passion for interfaith cooperation who are capable of developing and executing dynamic and effective initiatives.

Grant Areas: Students may apply for funds to support **existing** or **new** initiatives.

1. Established CIRCLE Programs:

The following are program areas that CIRCLE wishes to develop further in the coming year:

- A. **Prison Justice** – Working with Partakers on their “Education behind Bars” program and other local non-profit organizations; coordinating student visits to incarcerated people; planning study sessions and guest speakers

- B. **Religious Hospitality** – Organizing a series of formal and informal gatherings at local houses of worship and private homes; facilitating learning on Jewish, Christian, and UU rituals; coordinating communal events for the opening and closing of the year
- C. **Interfaith Peer Groups** – Coordinating several groups of approximately 10 students meeting to discuss a topic relating to spiritual growth and leadership development. The peer group coordinator/s must participate in one of the groups.

2. **New CIRCLE Possibilities:**

While we welcome applications for a variety of new initiatives, we are particularly interested in the creation of projects in the following areas:

- Environmental Responsibility & Social Justice
- Interfaith & the Arts
- Community Education (adults and youth)

Application Materials:

- Letter of Introduction – 350 words describing why you are interested in the fellowship and the skills and experience you bring to this endeavor
- Project Proposal – 500-750 words describing your project idea, including goals, methods, and outcomes as well as a project budget
- Curriculum Vitae

Expectations:

- Apart from the particular work of the projects, all students receiving CIRCLE fellowships will be expected to attend a monthly cohort meeting focused on leadership development and communication across projects.
- In addition, project pairs will be expected to schedule regular meetings (monthly or bi-monthly) with a member of the CIRCLE staff.
- Fellows will be asked to work together with the CIRCLE staff on the planning and facilitation of the spring Community Day.
- Finally, all fellows will submit two short reports about their initiative at the end of each semester.

The group will gather for the first time in late August for a reception and introductions (date TBD).

Fellowship Stipends:

Each fellow will receive a stipend of \$3,000 for their work. (\$1,500 will be paid at the beginning of each semester). Additional funds of up to \$1,000 will be available for reimbursable costs associated with each project.

Proposal Deadline: July 15, 2011

All application materials (or any questions) should be sent to Dr. Jennifer Peace (jpeace@ants.edu) and Rabbi Or Rose (orose@hebrewcollege.edu).