



Center for Interreligious & Communal Leadership Education

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CIRCLE Fellowship

APPLICATION FORM 2010-2011

The Center for Interreligious & Communal Leadership Education (CIRCLE) of Andover Newton Theological School and Hebrew College is now accepting proposals from students for interfaith programming and activities that contribute to the mission of the CIRCLE program.

CIRCLE's mission is to support Hebrew College and Andover Newton in the work of cultivating religious leaders equipped for service in a multi-religious world. By fostering authentic relationships across religious lines and deepening the commitment to inter-religious cooperation, CIRCLE seeks to help transform the ways in which religious communities engage in the creation of a just and compassionate world.

Students in any of the graduate programs at ANTS or HC are eligible to apply for this fellowship. The focus of the CIRCLE program is Jewish-Christian-Unitarian Universalist interfaith learning and leadership, with the expectation of broadening our work to include members of the Muslim and other religious communities. Applicants must be knowledgeable and articulate about their own religious tradition, adept at organizing and facilitating religious educational events/programming, and committed to working collaboratively with a team of students, staff and faculty from ANTS and HC.

Grant Areas: We are looking for entrepreneurial students with a passion for interfaith cooperation who want to lead projects or programs that enhance connections between our respective communities. Students may apply for funds to support *new* initiatives or to work with CIRCLE staff on *existing* programs (including: Peer Fellowship Groups, seasonal/holiday programming, recruitment events, and Community Day).

Application Details: These annual fellowships are competitive and grant awards range from \$1,500-\$3,000 (see budget information below). Semester-length proposals are also welcome.

1. Application for New Initiatives:

- a. **Resume:** 3-page maximum length
- b. **Project Description:** a 2-page proposal describing the nature of the project, including clear, measurable goals, an implementation strategy, an indication of how the initiative contributes to the CIRCLE mission, and a plan for evaluating the success of the program.
- c. **Budget:** a student may request up to \$2,000 as a stipend for their work (for year-long proposals), and up to \$1,000 for expenses such as food and supplies. Smaller allocations (approximately 50% of the year-long amount) will be made for semester-length initiatives.

*For new initiatives proposals, applicants are strongly encouraged to design and implement programs with a joint-leadership model (one student from ANTS and one from HC). Minimally, proposals must show how significant involvement of both student bodies will be ensured.

2. Application for Established CIRCLE Programs:

- a. **Skills & Interests:** a 1-page description of your skills and interests and the particular area you would like to work on – i.e., Interfaith Peer Groups; seasonal/holiday programming; joint recruitment events; or Community Day.
- b. Stipends of up to \$1,500 will be awarded commensurate with the level of work required.

All the students who receive CIRCLE fellowships will be expected to attend 3 cohort meetings a semester and a half-day retreat in mid/late-August. In addition, fellows will be asked to submit a short report at the conclusion of their program/initiative.

Proposal Deadlines: July 20th 2010 for programs/initiatives beginning in the fall semester (full year and fall semester). Proposals for the spring semester must be received by **January 3, 2011**.

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