



Brown International Scholarship Committee



Giving Qualified International Students the Opportunity for a Brown Education

The Brown International Scholarship Committee (BISC) is a student-run group founded in 1996 that is committed to increasing the socioeconomic diversity of the international student population at Brown as well as enhancing Brown's profile internationally. Thank you for reading our second newsletter, which will keep you up-to-date with the happenings of our

group.

Since last year, BISC has raised the necessary funds for two additional international scholarships, bringing the total to seven endowed scholarships. Each endowed scholarship provides financial assistance for qualifying international students in perpetuity. The amount of financial assistance depends on the endowed amount in the fund.

Each scholarship brings us one step closer to reaching our goal of need-blind admissions for international students. Increasing the socioeconomic diversity at Brown not only benefits current students by adding new viewpoints and backgrounds to the school's intellectual milieu, but also gives bright and dedicated international students the chance they deserve to succeed.



***Family Weekend
Reception***

BISC hosted its annual International



***Ambassadorship Program
Reboot***

BISC continues to promote the Brown

Family Weekend Reception on October 15th, 2011, at the historic John Carter Brown Library. The turnout was fantastic with attendees from Austria, Canada, the Cayman Islands, India, Israel, the Netherlands, Turkey, and elsewhere. Ted Widmer, former speechwriter for President Bill Clinton and current director of the John Carter Brown Library, introduced the attendees to one of the most important collections of early books on the Americas. Chancellor Tom Tisch '76 was the guest of honor, and he spoke about the need for scholarships for international students. In attendance were Dean of the College Katherine Bergeron and Vice President for International Advancement Ron Margolin. The event would not have been possible without the support and guidance of the Office of International Advancement, and we truly appreciate their involvement.



High Fashion with BISC

BISC has partnered with the Brown

International Ambassadorship Program to reach out to international high school students by providing them with a more personal connection to the University through current Brown students studying abroad. The Ambassadorship Program has grown at an accelerated rate, which has necessitated a reformulation of our plan to more effectively train current Brown students to give presentations at high schools around the world. BISC is currently working to streamline the program, involve Ambassadors to a greater extent, and deliver results. Plans include creating an application process for Ambassadors to ensure that the most enthusiastic go on to represent Brown around the world, creating a larger database of high schools for Ambassadors to visit, and establishing a solid connection between Ambassadors and international students and alumni.

In the last year, we had successful presentations by Ambassadors who visited the Brown Clubs in the United Kingdom and Turkey. We are looking forward to involving more alumni in our mission, projects, and our strategic planning process. If any alumni are interested in involving our Ambassadors at their events, please contact us at bisc@gmail.com.

University Fashion Committee to host fashion week in April. The goal of this collaboration is to encourage aspiring designers—from both Brown and Rhode Island School of Design—to design a line to present to their fellow students. BISC will organize social events throughout the week to fundraise and further spread awareness about the financial barriers international students face. BISC is currently searching for Brown alumni in the fashion industry who would be willing to participate in a panel discussion for the benefit of budding designers, writers, and others looking to break into the industry.



Supplementing Our Ranks

BISC has grown! We proudly welcome our three new members:

- Vira Behnam Roudsari '14 – Iranian, from Dubai
- Luke Fiorante '15 – Canada
- Parita Parekh '13 – India

A group as diverse as the University



BISC Nights – Student level fundraising and awareness

In order to involve students in our efforts and raise awareness about the work our group does on campus, BISC has hosted three student events, which have raised nearly \$4,000. This money will go into a fund to provide students on scholarship with either flights home or necessary technology like laptops. Options are currently being explored.



We would like to send out a special thank you to our friends for their continued support of our efforts:
Ron Margolin, Vice President for International Advancement
Josh Taub '93, Regional Director for

where we study, BISC now represents ten nations with members from Austria, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Germany, India, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

International Advancement

Vijay Chitnis '94, Regional Director for International Advancement

Edward Quigley, Associate Director of International Programs

Panetha Ott, Director of International Admission