About: The Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program was established at Brandeis University in 2007, to honor and continue the work of Eli Segal, who is best known for his leadership developing AmeriCorps and Welfare-to-Work initiatives in the Clinton Administration and for his talent for inspiring and mentoring young people. The Program, part of the Center for Youth and Communities at the Heller School for Social Policy & Management, honors his legacy and continues his commitment to developing new generations of citizen leaders. Once accepted into the program, Segal Fellows become lifelong members of the Segal Network.

Segal Fellows: The Segal Program expands each year as new cohorts of Segal Fellows are added through a fellowship program at Brandeis University (both undergraduate students and Heller School Master in Public Policy students) as well as through the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps Alums and City Year. All new Segal Fellows are matched with a program mentor, deemed Segal Coach. Currently with over 75 Segal Fellows spanning 15 states and 2 continents, these 19-43 year old leaders are building collaborative cross-sector relationships to enact change.

Summer Internship Placements: Every year, six Brandeis students are chosen to become Segal Fellows after going through a highly competitive selection process. These Segal Fellows exemplify the characteristics of citizen leadership, public and community service, civic engagement, and social entrepreneurship. They are leaders in their respective programs. Segal Fellows are dedicated, thoughtful, action-driven young people who are actively working to make a change in the world.

The Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program seeks to provide private, nonprofit and public organizations that are committed to providing an internship experience with exemplary undergraduate and graduate Segal Fellows who can:

- Make concrete contributions to the host organization & Segal Network;
- Have an opportunity to gain professional and leadership skills through their internship responsibilities;
- Learn by “shadowing” key organizational staff;
- Be mentored by the organization’s direct supervisor and a Segal Coach whom we provide;
- Strengthen their commitment to citizen leadership.

The internship will span a minimum of eight weeks, for approximately 35 hours a week, during the months of June, July, and August, unless otherwise agreed upon. Brandeis undergraduate Segal Fellows receive a $3,500 stipend and a Heller School Master's in Public Policy graduate Segal Fellows receive a $5,000 stipend. The Segal Program encourages summer internship placement sites to cover or contribute to the stipend cost. Please let us know how a Segal Fellow can support you this summer.

“When we applied for a Segal Fellow last spring, we sought someone who has passion for public policy, the confidence to work with a wide range of decision makers and the ability to be a team player in a fast-paced nonprofit organization. We found all that and more in our Segal Fellow.”
~ Maureen Curley, Past President of Campus Compact and Segal Founder