The Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies supports students and faculty at the University of Washington in the study of labor in all of its facets. Through education and research, our mission is to develop labor studies - broadly conceived to include working people everywhere - as a central concern in higher education. We cultivate connections with labor communities locally and around the world, and inform policymakers about issues confronting workers.

The Center is led by the Harry Bridges Endowed Chair in Labor Studies, a faculty position that rotates every two to four years. Joining the Chair are two staff, an Associate Director and an Assistant Director of Student and Community Engagement. The Center is located jointly in the departments of Political Science and History at the University of Washington Seattle, but works with students and faculty in departments and schools across all three University of Washington campuses.
"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The truth of these words has been revealed in the response to COVID-19. Only a few weeks ago, workers in supermarkets, delivery drivers, factory workers, custodians, cleaners and many more were called ‘low-skilled.’ Today, along with health workers at every level, they are the ones holding things together for us all during this crisis.

At the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, like many students and faculty at the University of Washington, we are privileged to have the ability to work, teach and learn from home with only some disruption. Our scholarship season will proceed as planned, our courses continue to be offered, and we are working to move our workshares and other events on-line.

But as this crisis continues through the spring, the Bridges Center will strive to center the labor, formal and informal, that enables us all to survive and thrive. We will investigate how that labor is unfairly distributed and highlight how COVID-19 worsens inequalities between workers, along lines of race, gender, and country. And we will share how students and workers can come together, and how students are workers too, who also face unemployment, poor safety conditions, and other challenges.

We believe, if anything good can come out of this crisis, it will be a new social commitment to transforming and strengthening the rights and conditions of workers everywhere.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LABOR’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19, VISIT THE BRIDGES CENTER'S WEBSITE: LABOR.WASHINGTON.EDU/COVID-19
As we move into Spring Quarter and are continuing to deal with challenges presented with the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to share with folks that the Bridges Center’s staff have been working diligently to ensure that resources and advising are still available and accessible to the UW community. Financial support for students is more important now than ever, so I wanted to send out a reminder to folks that the Bridges Center has a wide variety of scholarships and funding available to undergraduate and graduate students, with applications that are currently open! However, due to the stresses and new unknowns that our community of students, staff and faculty have had to navigate, we are extending the deadline for applications from April 13th to May 1st, 11:59pm.

By submitting our single online application, you will be considered for up to seven different awards. You can find more information about our awards and view the application here: labor.washington.edu/scholarships-and-prizes

We hope that during this time you will not hesitate to reach out to the Bridges Center for support, whether it is help with your scholarship application, course work, or other support. If you are seeking community resources in relation to support with COVID-19, or interested in conducting worker-oriented research during this time, please take a look at our Labor Responds to COVID-19 page on our website for a list of community responses, mutual aid efforts, and more.
LABOR & SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIPS

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APPLICATION DUE: MAY 1st, 2020

Are you an undergrad passionate about social justice? A graduate student writing a dissertation on a labor-related topic? A busy activist building a student group or union campaign?

You’re in luck! Each year, the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies awards over $50,000 in scholarships and fellowships to students at the University of Washington. There are ten awards that are available to students at multiple stages of education and experience, from incoming freshmen to senior graduate students. Individual award amounts range from $1,000 to $10,000. Students at any of the three University of Washington campuses (Seattle, Bothell or Tacoma) are eligible to apply.

By filling out our online general application, you will be considered for all Bridges Center Scholarships you qualify for. More information on our scholarships and a link to our application is available at: labor.uw.edu/scholarships-and-prizes

APPLY ONLINE AT LABOR.UW.EDU
We are told throughout our lives that our value and sense of purpose is ultimately tied to the work that we do. Why is that? And how does our labor get exploited along lines of class, race, gender, sexuality, and ability across the world?

If these questions are ones that you are interested in exploring, please take some time to view the variety of Labor Studies courses offered at all three of the University of Washington’s campuses (Seattle, Bothell, & Tacoma)! All of these courses may count towards completion of a Labor Studies Minor, a 25 credit, interdisciplinary program of study that offers an in-depth look at the significance of labor to the economic, political, social and cultural evolution of modern societies.

To find out more about the minor and view our full list of courses, please visit:

LABOR.WASHINGTON.EDU/LABOR-STUDIES-MINOR
The Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies is excited to offer funding to Undergraduate Students seeking to conduct research, fund projects, travel to conferences or events, or contribute to broader community endeavors around labor and social justice. Amounts of $250-350 are available to students who apply, and funding can be used for a broad range of research expenses (travel costs, materials, interview incentives, etc.)

If you are an Undergraduate Student that is interested in conducting a research project, but are unsure of what may be possible, or would like to explore a variety of research topics, please do not hesitate to reach out! We are happy to help you craft your project and let you know of what resources are out there. Please reach out to Yasmin Ahmed, Assistant Director of Student and Community Engagement, at ypahmed@uw.edu or (206) 542-7537 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

For more information about our Undergraduate Research Grants, including eligibility and required application materials, please visit:

LABOR.WASHINGTON.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE-LABOR-RESEARCH-GRANTS

(flyer included on next page)
$250-$350 Awarded to undergraduates seeking to conduct research, fund projects, travel to conferences or events, or contribute to broader community endeavors around labor and social justice.

Applications are accepted and considered on a rolling basis.

Eligibility Criteria: Any Undergraduate student who is currently active and will be active the upcoming quarter. All campuses (Seattle, Bothell, Tacoma) and disciplines encouraged to apply.

To Apply, Please Submit to hbcls@uw.edu:

- A 500-word (maximum) proposal/summary of your project and how it will advance your academic/community engagement with labor issues.
- A brief budget outlining how funds will be spent. Budget proposals that exceed the $350 limit will still be reviewed.
- A copy of your UW Transcript (Unofficial is fine)

Please forward all applications & inquiries to hbcls@uw.edu

Post-Award Process: After the completion of your research/conference/project (and/or within a month of using funds) submit a report to the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, including results and takeaways.
Due to COVID-19, some Labor Studies events in spring 2020 have been canceled or postponed. Most are now moving on-line. We are excited to announce two weekly on-line labor seminars. Numbering twenty separate sessions with a wide range of labor scholars and activists, these sessions are open to the public.

- **Labor in the 21st Century:** Every Tuesday, 1:15-3:15pm, from March 31 to May 26. Hosted by Labor Studies faculty at UW Bothell.
- **(Re)Defining American Labor:** Every Wednesday, 6:00-7:30pm, from April 1 to June 3. Hosted by the UW Tacoma Labor Solidarity Project.

To view the full schedules, speaker information, and registration instructions, please visit our Seminars page at labor.washington.edu/seminars.

Questions? Contact the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies at hbcls@uw.edu or 206-543-7946 (voicemail only).
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