THE PROGRAM

Brown University’s International Advanced Research Institutes initiative (BIARI) brings together young faculty and professionals from around the world to address pressing global issues through innovative research and pedagogy.

Since June 2009, with the generous support of Santander Universities, over 500 scholars and practitioners from more than 75 countries have participated in two-week intensive institutes on Brown University’s campus in Providence, Rhode Island. They are now members of a dynamic alumni community whose members continue to collaborate and share knowledge.

In June 2012, members of Brown University’s internationally-acclaimed faculty will again convene a diverse group of future intellectual leaders from the global South, together with prominent thinkers and practitioners, to participate in four two-week residential institutes.

OBJECTIVES

CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH

Through this participatory, rigorous, and interdisciplinary program, participants have the opportunity to share their own work and develop new collaborations with peers and leading figures in their fields of interest.

GLOBAL EXCHANGE

BIARI convenes scholars and practitioners from all parts of the world, and challenges conventional hierarchies of knowledge. A key program goal is to foster south-south exchange, and to provide support for rising scholars’ voices in the global academic conversation.

SUSTAINABLE NETWORK-BUILDING

BIARI is a highly selective, residential program. Institute participants have ample opportunity to interact with colleagues and explore Brown University’s world-class campus and facilities. BIARI alumni continue to build on and expand these relationships in long-term research, teaching and outreach collaborations. Alumni are invited to apply for seed funding for collaborative projects that are outgrowths of Institute initiatives.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR BIARI 2012


We especially welcome applicants early in their professional careers. Participant practitioners normally have four to ten years experience in their professional field. Participants from an academic background are usually within seven years of having finished their PhD or professional terminal degree.

Thanks to generous support from Santander Universities, BIARI will cover the costs of tuition, food and accommodation (in university housing) during BIARI, and also the costs of air travel and U.S. airport transfers to Providence.

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Young faculty from institutions that are members of the Santander Universities network are especially encouraged to apply.
THE INSTITUTES

GLOBAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS:
CUTTING EDGE ISSUES FOR
UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS
This Institute will focus on current knowl-
edge regarding global HIV/AIDS epide-
miology, pathogenesis, prevention and
treatment, and social context, with a special
emphasis on the current debate about treat-
ment for prevention, and a focus on under-
served populations. Areas of examination
will be women, adolescents, prison popula-
tions, men who have sex with men and alco-
hol/substance use, as well as human rights
and health disparities. The Institute will
convene a faculty of leading scholars and
practitioners, and use a multidisciplinary
team approach to these complex issues in
both resource-rich and poor contexts.

THEATER AND CIVIL SOCIETY: POLITICS,
PUBLIC SPACE, AND PERFORMANCE
Convened by faculty from Brown Univer-
sity’s Department of Theater, Speech and
Dance, this Institute will explore the role
of theater and new media in political and
social movements, with a focus on the
potential of diverse art forms to advance
principles of non-violence and civic debate.
The Institute responds to the political and
social movements of the past year. What
is new in these movements? What do they
owe to different theories, traditions and
practices of expressive freedom and partici-
patory politics? The Institute will address
these questions through lectures, readings,
performances and discussions around
four interconnected themes: transgression,
translation, transformation and transcen-
dence. We invite scholars from the humani-
ties and beyond, and artists and performers
working in different genres, to contribute
to an interdisciplinary exploration of the
ways in which creative production expands
the civic imagination and conjures new
understandings of public space.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS:
REGIONAL APPROACHES
To understand and predict the interact-
ing effects of increased greenhouse gas
concentrations, climate and economic
teleconnections, and regional scale changes
in economic development and land use,
interdisciplinary approaches are vital. This
Institute will bring together scholars from
social, physical and life sciences to focus
on the study of coupled human-natural
systems at the regional level; and how such
study generates templates for adaptation at
local, national and regional levels, and key
inputs for decision-makers.
Themes will include predicted changes in
regional hydrologic cycles; resilience of
existing social, economic, civil, ecological
and agricultural systems to likely changes;
the potential of local, national or multi-
national institutions to increase the resilience
of these systems; and what can be learned
from one region to inform science and
governance in other regions. Participants
will develop interdisciplinary approaches
through project-based collaboration and
proposal writing. Applications are espe-
cially welcome from scholars interested in
evidence-based policymaking.

“The quality and experience of the guest speakers
was amazing.”
— Global Health participant, 2011

“The syllabus design, teamwork approach, and
the support of coordinators are wonderful.”
— Climate Change participant, 2011