



WELCOME TO BROWN



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Brown Center
for
Students of Color





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Why is called the Third World Transition Program?

The Third World Transition Program was created after protests led by Black women and students in 1968 and 1975 demanded the University provide better support and resources for them. Students of color at Brown began using the term “Third World” instead of “minority” because of the negative connotations of inferiority and powerlessness with which the word “minority” is often associated. Although the term “Third World” may have negative connotations outside of Brown, Brown students of color continue to use the term “Third World” to describe a social consciousness which recognizes the similarities shared by socially and politically marginalized communities. Using the term “Third World” reminds students of the power they have in coalescing, communicating, and uniting across their differences to create a safer and more free place for all individuals. This consciousness at Brown also reflects a right, a willingness, and a necessity for people of color and others to define themselves instead of being defined by others.



Should I attend TWTP?

Is TWTP for students of color or can anyone attend?

TWTP is open to all first-year incoming students regardless of race or nationality. The issues discussed at TWTP focus on domestic issues faced by Third World communities and communities of color within the United States. These include issues of racism, classism, cissexism and sexism, ableism, imperialism, and heterosexism.

Cost

There is no registration fee to attend TWTP. The program will cover your housing and meals. Your meal plan for the semester begins on Saturday, September 1, the first day of General Orientation.

Accessibility Accomodations

We strive to make TWTP an accessible space for folks with a range of abilities. This includes ASL interpreters, wheelchair accessible spaces, and large print copies of our booklets. Still, students who need accomodations should contact Student and Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS) to ensure that their needs are also identified by the institution. SEAS serves students who require physical, psychological, sensory and learning accommodations. SEAS can be reached at (401) 863-9588 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Additional information can be found on their website.

Testimonials

“TWTP will change the way you view the world around you.

It will give you strength in the face of adversity, and surround you with friends who will always support you. I know it certainly did all of that for me.”



“Bonding with people, especially other people of color, both first-years and team members, over the great experiences and learning opportunities had during the workshops, confidentials, and other events; the personal stories, narratives, and perspectives shared throughout the program that shed light on how real and relevant these topics are in modern society”

“I enjoyed learning more about navigating an environment ripe with marginalized identities, made me more aware of how society looks at me, and made me more aware of some of my privileges.”

