



BOSTON COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY MISSION AND MINISTRY

Montserrat

Our Name

Our name and mission arose from the history of St. Ignatius. Following the injury St. Ignatius sustained in battle, he ventured on a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain. Laying down his arms, St. Ignatius spent the night confessing before the statue of Our Lady of Montserrat which had been darkened by years of soot from candlelight. It was after this night of confession at Montserrat that St. Ignatius set out to Manresa where he would develop his Spiritual Exercises and founded the Jesuit order.



The Mission:

The Montserrat Office aims to assist students at the highest level of financial need to actively participate in and experience a Jesuit education. The Program endeavors to mentor, guide, and support students on an individual level in the formation of academic, social, and spiritual aspects. Montserrat acts as a bridge between students and the greater Boston College Community.

What Does Montserrat Do?

Book/Course Material Program: Each semester Montserrat offers students up to 2 books and access codes.

Formational Funding for Service and Immersion Trips: Through collaboration with the Volunteer and Service Learning Center, Montserrat is able to provide a fellowship that covers the initial deposit fee for students intending to partake in a BC approved international or domestic service and/or immersion trips. The fellowship is non-competitive, so any student who completes and submits the form will receive funding.

Textbooks/Lending Library:

Montserrat provides textbooks, nursing equipment and scrubs, and printing supplies to students at no cost. Each student should log onto the Montserrat website to access these services.

Study Abroad Advisement:

In collaboration with the Office of International Programs, Montserrat has established a liaison between our office and OIP. Students can explore the available scholarships and grant options for funding their study abroad experiences.

Ticket Lottery and Montserrat Gold Pass:

Access to ticketed events is Montserrat's foremost initiative in assisting students of high financial need to experience the BC social culture. Students are contacted and encouraged to enter a lottery for specific events and, if selected, they are notified via email from the Montserrat office.

The Frontier Fellowship Program:

This program is a funding opportunity for Montserrat students who are pursuing/interested in research projects or internships. This fellowship seeks to assist Montserrat students in expanding their experience in areas outside of their major or educational aspirations.

How do Students Qualify

- The Office of Financial Aid in Student Services designates which students qualify as Montserrat students.
- Eligibility for the program is based on federal and institutional guidelines for financial need. The Office of Financial Aid is able to determine the most accurate financial aid packages and designate those students that qualify as the highest need.
- Because this identification process is done solely through their office, we have no access to students' personal and financial information.
- It is important to note that should your financial aid package change from one year to the next, and they fall outside of the 'Montserrat range,' they will still remain a Montserrat student throughout their BC career.

Offerings throughout the year

WE ARE SOCIAL

- ▶ Montserrat Gold Passes
- ▶ Free Tickets to Campus Events
- ▶ Tickets to Robsham Plays
- ▶ Funding for Club Sports
- ▶ Spring Break Outdoor Adventure Trip
- ▶ OIP Study Abroad Information Session

WE ARE SPIRITUAL

Retreat Cost Reduction:

- ▶ Kairos
- ▶ 48 Hours
- ▶ Manresa
- ▶ OIP Study Abroad Information Session
- ▶ Montserrat Retreats

Service/Immersion Funding:

- ▶ Arrupe
- ▶ Appalachia
- ▶ Jamaica Magis Service Immersion Trip | Winter and Summer
- ▶ Dominican Republic
- ▶ Magis Civil Rights Immersion Trip
- ▶ And much more!



WE ARE INTELLECTUAL

- ▶ Frontier Fellowship
- ▶ Academic Workshops
- ▶ Career Center Liaison
- ▶ Monthly Student Check-ins
- ▶ Laptop Lending Program
- ▶ Study Abroad Advisement
- ▶ Work-Study Assistance

WE ARE SUPPORTIVE

- ▶ One on One Mentorship
- ▶ Textbook Lending Program
- ▶ Emergency and/or Personal Financial Support
- ▶ Internship T-Passes
- ▶ Hospitality Closet
- ▶ Montserrat Dinner Club
- ▶ Mentorship Program
- ▶ Nursing Students Support
- ▶ And much much more



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