

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Internal resources for research and course development

The following is a list of resources available to support research and instruction at Bowdoin for faculty holding appointments of half-time or greater. With the exception of the *Conference Travel*, all of the funds are competitive. If you have any questions about these resources, please do not hesitate to call our office.

I. *Conference Travel*. In 2010-11, faculty members in the instructional ranks will have an annual travel allowance of \$1,200, and in certain circumstances this may be increased to \$2,000. Faculty members may apply for funding for more than one trip in a year if their allowances permit. Funds may be cumulated over two-year periods (an unexpended balance in year 1 may be applied to eligible expenses in year 2), with a maximum of \$2,400 per year. For further details, please refer to: (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/funding/conference-travel.shtml>)

II. *Faculty Development Committee*. Faculty are eligible to apply for funding to support research, teaching and leave support. Please note that a more detailed description of these various funding sources is updated annually and is available on the Bowdoin College website at: (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/funding/internal.shtml>)

- *Faculty Research Awards*--to support substantive faculty research and development projects, e.g., travel to conduct off-site research, archival research and collaborative research and attendance at faculty retooling seminars/institutes. Maximum award is \$4,000.
- *Faculty Leave Fellowship*--to supplement the sabbatic leave stipend or to supplement grants from an outside body to make possible a full year's leave. Awards are for amounts up to two-thirds of one semester's salary. Untenured faculty members are eligible to apply for Faculty Leave Fellowships in conjunction with the pre-tenure sabbatical.
- *Bowdoin Faculty Research Fellowship (formerly Kenan Fellowship)*--to further faculty development by supporting distinguished, substantive, multi-year projects. Awards are for amounts up to two-thirds of one semester's salary and up to \$10,000 for research expenses. Untenured faculty members are eligible to apply for Bowdoin Faculty Fellowships in conjunction with the pre-tenure sabbatical.
- *Porter Fellowship for Advanced Study or Research*--supports projects encouraging "faculty renewal and development" by enabling faculty members to "engage in advanced study or research at other universities." Awards are for amounts up to two-thirds of one semester's salary and up to \$4,000 for travel and re-location expenses. Untenured faculty members are eligible to apply for Porter Fellowships in conjunction with the pre-tenure sabbatical.

- *Course Development Awards*--to support projects leading to new course development and the enrichment of existing courses. Not meant for the purchase of capital equipment, this fund pays for such expenses as travel, per diem costs and lodging expenses to consult libraries, to visit scholars with a specific expertise or programs at other institutions, for the purchase or duplication of primary materials, and for the purchase of slides or other instructional aids. Maximum award is \$4,000.
- *Student Research Awards*--a variety of fellowships make it possible for faculty and students to work together collaboratively on a research project. Maximum awards and qualifications vary. (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/student-fellowships/index.shtml>)

III. *Course Enrichment Fund*. Supports activities that enrich existing courses and benefit all students in a class such as the publication of a collection of student papers, travel to a museum or other field trip. Applications are accepted at any time during the academic year, and requests normally do not exceed \$600. (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/funding/course-enrichment/index.shtml>)

IV. *Educational Technology - Development Support*. The Information Technology department supports innovative uses of technology in teaching and/or scholarship. Faculty bring content, scholarly, and/or pedagogical expertise to the project, and IT staff members assist with the necessary technical and project management resources, and help faculty members develop new ways of enhancing teaching and/or scholarship using various forms of educational technologies. Projects are adopted on a competitive basis.

V. *Professional Organization Funding*. Supports faculty service to national or international professional organizations (beyond those available in the Faculty Professional Conference Travel Fund). All benefits-eligible faculty are eligible to apply; for visiting faculty, the activity must take place during the term of the appointment. This fund is not intended to pay for professional dues, nor any activity already supported by existing faculty research or curricular funds, and the nature of the activities should be at the national or international level. The normal maximum total award is \$3,000, which may be spread over the term of appointment to a maximum of three years. (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/funding/professional-organization-funding/index.shtml>)