

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Internal resources for faculty 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 2018-19, benefits-eligible faculty members in the instructional ranks will have an annual travel allowance of \$2,100. Faculty members may attend more than one meeting per year. 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 \$3,100 per year. For further details, please refer to: (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/funding/conference-travel.shtml>)

- II. *Faculty Development Committee*. Benefits-eligible 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/research/fdc.shtml>)
 - a. *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.

 - b. *Course Development Awards*--supports 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 instructional aids. Maximum award is \$4,000.

 - c. *Faculty Leave Support*--Available to tenure-track and tenured faculty, these awards supplement the sabbatic leave stipend or grants from an outside body to make possible a full year's leave. All tenure-track faculty going up for reappointment and eligible for a pre-tenure leave the following year will receive 100% salary support for the full year of their sabbatic leave, pending successful reappointment and approval of their sabbatic request by the Dean for Academic Affairs.

There are four award programs for leave support:

- *Andrew W. Mellon Fellowships*--Funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, these fellowships further Bowdoin faculty development by supporting one semester of full salary support. Recipients may elect to divert up to \$10,000 of an award to a professional fund to support research activities during the leave (if, for example, a faculty member receives external grant support for partial salary). Up to two Mellon fellowships can be awarded each year: one for an assistant professor and one for a tenured faculty member.

- *Bowdoin Faculty Research Fellowship*--To further faculty development by supporting distinguished, substantive, multi-year projects. Awards are for amounts up to 75% 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 75% 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.
 - *Bowdoin Faculty Leave Award*—Tenured leaves: Provides salary support for up to 75% of a one-semester salary.
- III. *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>).
- IV. *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 awards normally do not exceed \$600. (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/funding/course-enrichment.shtml>)
- V. *Faculty Symposia*. Supports meetings bringing together scholars in a discipline who are collaborating on a project or are experts in a particular field of study. Proposals that involve more than one Bowdoin faculty member as key participants or multiple disciplines are particularly encouraged. Applications will be accepted in Spring 2018 for symposia to be held in 2019-20. (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/funding/pdf/call-for-symposia-proposals.pdf>)
- VI. *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 members 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/pdf/professional-services-support-proposals.pdf>)
- VII. *Summer Working Groups*. Funding is available to support faculty working groups engaged in curricular and pedagogical development during the summer (June 1 – August 15). These funds are provided to encourage new initiatives by departments and programs as well as by individual faculty members collaborating with other Bowdoin colleagues. Proposals may be from department chairs and program directors or from other groups of faculty members drawn from different departments and programs. (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-affairs/funding/pdf/SWG-call-for-proposals.pdf>)
- VIII. *Academic Technology and Consulting Support*. The Academic Technology and Consulting group collaborates with faculty, staff, and students on innovative uses of technology in teaching, research, and scholarship. Strategic and complex questions are solved through the creative application of technology in partnership with Information Technology and the Library. (<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academic-technology/>)