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## **Faculty Development Awards**

### ***Bellarmino Faculty Development Fellowships***

Bellarmino Faculty Development Fellowships provide support for full-time faculty scholarship of sufficient scope to span the equivalent of two months of full-time study or research. The work may be within the recipients' specialized field of study, or it may be in some other field that will result in the recipients' better understanding of their own field and/or improvement of their level of professional proficiency. The project may be one that can be completed during the stipend period, or it may be part of a longer-range project. A single stipend may be shared among up to three full-time Bellarmine faculty members. Recipients submit a written report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs in the fall following the summer stipend period and make a presentation at a Faculty Forum during the subsequent year. Currently, six \$3,000 stipends are awarded annually.

### ***Joseph and Maureen McGowan Prize for Faculty Development***

The Joseph and Maureen McGowan Prize for Faculty Development allows one full-time faculty member per year to travel to and attend the Harris-Manchester College Summer Institute at Oxford University. The Institute offers scholars around the world an opportunity to pursue their research interests for one week using the College's library resources. College librarians at the Institute work with visiting faculty in advance of their visit to ensure that appropriate resources are available. Participants are able to conduct intensive research at one of the most prestigious universities in the world, as well as form valuable relationships with other visiting scholars. All visiting scholars are accommodated at the College, and all meals are included.

The recipient is expected to submit a brief written progress report in the fall following the Institute and present on his or her research during the subsequent academic year.

## ***Sabbaticals***

Sabbaticals are awarded by the President to tenured faculty who have served a minimum of seven years at Bellarmine. In general, a sabbatical is intended as an opportunity to engage in research or to engage in activities that advance one's knowledge within a discipline, enhance the academic endeavors of the University, or lead to a greater appreciation of aesthetic value. The sabbatical may be for a single semester or academic year. Primary considerations for awards are merit of the proposal and time elapsed since last sabbatical. The total number of sabbaticals awarded annually is determined by the President and is contingent upon sufficient financial resources.

Upon completion of the sabbatical period the faculty member reports to the VPAA the final outcomes of the sabbatical and provides an assessment of the progress made relative to the goals stated in the sabbatical proposal. On average, five sabbaticals are granted annually.

More specific information regarding sabbaticals may be found in 7.8.4.3 of the Faculty Handbook.

## ***QEP International Faculty Development Stipend***

The objective of Bellarmine University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is to internationalize the student learning experience. The two major goals are to 1) enhance international curricular offerings and 2) increase student and faculty participation in international experiences.

Thanks to a generous donor, funding support is available to Bellarmine faculty and staff for projects that align with one of the two major QEP goals. Faculty and staff receive funding for a variety of projects, including accompanying students abroad, exploring new sites for study abroad, developing global competencies to enhance current course offerings, and participating in international service opportunities.

Recipients of this stipend are asked to present to the University community and Dr. Graham Ellis on the outcome of their experience abroad in the academic year following the international project. Since 2008, approximately thirty projects have been funded.