

## **Brown Fund for Innovation in Teaching 2008-09 Call for Proposals**

The Brown Fund for Innovation in Teaching is designed to provide support to faculty members who are interested in developing programs designed to enhance, improve, and inspire teaching at Southwestern University. The range of proposal topics may include programs to explore the development of interdisciplinary and team-taught courses, the development of pedagogy workshops and programs for Southwestern University faculty, the development of peer networks for the improvement of teaching, community-based learning programs, and other innovative pedagogical programs. **It is anticipated that one project will be funded for the 2008-2009 academic year.**

Fellowships will be awarded for a period of up to one year and may include funds for materials and other program development expenses in the amount of \$3500 and a stipend of \$1,500 for activities conducted in the summer. In addition, recipients of the Brown Fund for Innovation in Teaching will receive a one-course release during the academic year in order to develop and implement the program. Proposals should be for work to be conducted during the summer of 2008 and extending into the 2008-2009 academic year. **Faculty receiving a summer stipend will not be eligible to receive a summer stipend from the Cullen Faculty Development Fund.**

Applications with the projected budget and the departmental impact statement should be delivered to Christine Vasquez (MBH 110) no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007.**

Conditions of the Brown Fund for Innovation in Teaching are as follows:

1. Faculty eligibility shall be limited to full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members. (Tenure-track faculty must have received a favorable second-year comprehensive review to be eligible, but faculty in their second year may apply.)
2. Proposals should contain a detailed description of the proposed project, a timeline for the development and implementation of the program, a description of the anticipated outcome from the work, a detailed budget, and a letter of support from the department chair. This letter of support should evaluate the quality of the project and propose the manner in which the course will be replaced.
3. Applicants should consult with the Provost to become familiar with current faculty development projects and to determine how the proposed project might add to other on-going faculty development efforts. A statement regarding this relationship should be included in the proposal.
4. Holders of endowed chairs (excluding University Scholar and Brown Chair positions) are eligible to apply for this program.
5. Normally, faculty who receive funding from the Brown Fund for Innovation in Teaching may not apply again until at least three academic years beyond the conclusion of their last project.
6. If the proposal is accepted a final report on the use of your grant is DUE to Christine Vasquez by Monday, October 6, 2009.

The selection committee will be comprised of the division/school chairs, the Dean of the Sarofim School of Fine Arts, the Senior Faculty Representative of the Brown College of Arts and Sciences, and the Provost. Their recommendation will be forwarded to the President for final approval.

Notification of awards will be made by the week of November 12. Questions may be directed to John McCann, Assistant Dean for Faculty Development and Sponsored Programs.