

Benson-Starkovich Faculty Development Grant – Call for Proposals

We invite proposals for grants to support faculty development in teaching and scholarship. Grant proposals may be submitted by individual faculty members or by teams of two or more PLU faculty. Grants are available for up to \$5,000.

Funding is available for:

- Scholarly research costs (travel to archives, purchase of related equipment, materials or data sets, interviewing costs, creation of artistic products, etc.)
- Course release (with consent of chair and dean) for the purpose of completing a scholarly project
- Conference or workshop attendance or participation
- Costs associated with scholarly collaboration
- Scholarship retreats in which multiple faculty members will advance their scholarship
- Specific certification supporting faculty development

Funding is not awarded for:

- Computers
- Memberships
- Travel to locations with specific federal travel warnings
- Student research assistance

Eligibility

- All full-time tenure-line faculty members are eligible to apply.
- Teams of two or more may apply for a single award and are encouraged to do so. If funds are available, teams may reapply for additional funding.
- An individual may be a member of more than one team.
- No faculty member shall receive more than one individual award per academic year.

Evaluation of Proposals

Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate how the proposed project contributes to the faculty's teaching and scholarship, and how that development will support the university's mission. The Benson-Starkovich Faculty Development Funds are awarded through a peer-review process which will make recommendations to the Provost.

Tip: Reviewers appreciate clarity and specificity of proposals.

Timelines

Grant monies will be awarded in two cycles – Fall and Spring. The total amount available for each academic year will depend upon the amount available in the Benson-Starkovich fund. No awards shall exceed \$5,000.

Fall Grants:

Application deadline: October 1. Funds may be used through August 31. The committee will strive to review all applications and allocate the available funds within 30 days following the deadline.

Spring Grants:

Application deadline: April 1. Funds may be used through December 31. The committee will strive to review all applications and allocate the available funds within 30 days following the deadline.

Access the application form on the Provost's Website: [Documents and Forms/ Awards & Grants](#)

Please contact the Office of the Provost (provost@plu.edu) with questions.