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To: Members of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

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Re: Applications for Faculty Fellowships and Senior Faculty Grants

This is the annual announcement inviting members of the faculty to submit applications for Faculty Fellowships or for Senior Faculty Grants for the 2012-13 academic year. Please note below the deadlines for submitting proposals to your Department/Program Chair and Associate Dean.

Faculty Fellowship Program

Each year the Trustees, on the recommendation of the President, award Faculty Fellowships to Assistant Professors of exceptional promise, permitting them to pursue study and research of significance to their own professional development. The number awarded varies from year to year but normally will be eight. Eligibility is limited to Assistant Professors who will be in their fourth or fifth year in that rank on or before July 1, 2012. Fellowships may not be used during the year of a tenure review or during a terminal year. One of these Fellows will be designated the Class of 1962 Fellow. Information about this will be sent separately to Assistant Professors in their third or fourth year in rank.

Senior Faculty Grants

Beginning in 1977, the Trustees initiated a program of grants for scholarly research to senior members of the faculty with the understanding that such grants normally will not be awarded more frequently than once every four years. In practice, because of the high level of competition, the normal period between awards has been eight or more years.

The purpose of this program is to provide one term of released time for senior members of the faculty who have established reputations in a given field or are venturing into a new field outside their accustomed area of study. It is expected that most applicants will seek support for research projects of unusual promise, research likely to lead to publication. In the past, up to six Senior Faculty Grants have been awarded each year. It is important to note that applications have increased to a level which in some years does not permit support for more than one in six of the requests.

Winebaum and Porter Senior Faculty Grants in Sustainability

During the Campaign for the Dartmouth Experience, two generous donors created funds for faculty research in the area of sustainability. The funds will be utilized in the form of an additional Senior Faculty Grant in this area. The grant will be made to a tenured faculty member who proposes research on the natural environment, on human impacts on the environment, or on the economic, social, or environmental dimensions of sustainability. Please indicate your interest in this special funding opportunity on your Senior Faculty Grant application.

Application Process

Faculty members wishing to apply for these awards should submit a statement of their plan of research and the significance of this work to their scholarly program. The description of the proposal must be limited to two pages. (It is important to remember that readers will include colleagues who are not specialists in the field of the applicant.) All applicants must fill out and return the attached cover sheet. If you plan to combine the fellowship/grant with a sabbatical, you must submit a Leave Request form to the Chair for the sabbatical. A current vita, including publications, must accompany every application.

The application should be submitted to your department or program Chair who will forward it with a covering letter to the appropriate Associate Dean of the Faculty. Applications should be submitted to the Chairs by October 24 so that they can be delivered as a complete package to the Offices of the Associate Deans by October 31. The Chair should indicate how the proposed absence from teaching could be accommodated within the instructional commitments of the department or program. In the case of Junior Faculty Fellowships, the Chair must comment on whether the work described is, in the judgment of senior members of the department/program, worthy of support. When there are multiple applicants from a department/program for the Junior Faculty Fellowships, the senior faculty should provide some relative assessments. This critical commentary is important to the deliberations of the Committee Advisory to the President (CAP). All applications will be considered by the CAP at a special meeting in November, in advance of teaching schedule meetings. For your convenience, this letter and the enclosed application form is also available electronically from your department/program administrators.

Supplementary Awards

Faculty Fellowships and Senior Faculty Grants normally include an additional sum for travel and other research expenses. In order to maximize the number of awards within existing budgetary constraints, such supplementary awards are limited to essential research costs for the proposed project and during the term of the grant. These will not exceed \$700. Successful applicants will be contacted regarding these awards.

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c: Associate Deans Higgins, Kotz, Marion, Randolph