

The Bank of America Faculty Research Fund for Young Investigators in Early Childhood Development and Reading

The Bank of America Faculty Research Fund for Young Investigators in Early Childhood Development and Reading recognizes and promotes the career development of tenure-eligible junior faculty in the College of Education at UNC Charlotte who, working collaboratively with the Institute for Social Capital, investigate problems of importance in early reading development. The quality of the academic programs at the University is dependent upon the talent and abilities of its faculty. The Bank of America Faculty Research Fund for Young Investigators in Early Childhood Development and Reading assists junior faculty with their development and growth as scholars and also promotes excellent research which will improve professional practice in the teaching of reading. The grants associated with this Faculty Research Fund will be used to support and enhance the scholarly activities of the recipient(s.) Recipients of the grants will be known as *Bank of America Faculty Fellows*.

Eligibility

Tenure-eligible faculty in the College of Education (assistant/associate professors) who are not yet tenured are eligible to apply for the Bank of America Faculty Fellowship(s.)

Call for Proposals

1. Eligible faculty are invited to submit proposals to the College of Education Dean's Office **no later than 5 p.m., February 2, 2009.**
2. Submissions should be sent electronically to Dean Mary Lynne Calhoun.
3. Proposals must include the following elements:
 - a. Names and brief curriculum vitae of researcher or research team (no more than three individuals) of eligible faculty members.
 - b. Research budget of no more than \$10,000 per proposal. Allowable budget items include faculty summer stipends, graduate student salaries, non-student temporary wages, student temporary wages, honoraria, supplies and materials, communication, printing and photocopying, travel, and equipment essential to the research. **Funds will be available July 1, 2009; thus, Faculty Stipends are available for the second summer session.**
 - c. The narrative research proposal of no more than 1200 words that includes the following:
 - i. Introduction/ description of research question
 - ii. Significance of the project and how it relates to early reading effectiveness
 - iii. Objectives
 - iv. Methods
 - v. Method of dissemination
 - vi. Plans to seek external funds to extend the proposed research

Selection Process

Bank of America Faculty Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis, using the following process:

1. All eligible proposals will be reviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of tenured faculty from the College of Education, board/ committee members from the Institute for Social Capital, and community representative(s) with expertise in early literacy. The Selection Committee will make a recommendation to the Dean of the College of Education.
2. The recipient(s) of *Bank of America Faculty Fellowship(s)* will be announced at the April College of Education Honors and Awards Day. A representative from the Bank of America will be invited to assist in the presentation.
3. By June 1 of the following year, the recipient(s) will submit a final report to the Dean, describing the research outcomes, dissemination, and attempts to secure external funding to further the research.

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Development and Reading
2008 APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Rank: _____

Department: _____

Date of Scheduled Tenure Review: _____

E-mail Address: _____

If joint proposal, provide equivalent information as above for co-investigator.

Title of Project: _____

Duration of Project: _____

Abstract of Project (**100 words or less**)

Does this proposal involve research which requires review by the University Committee on Research with Human Subjects?

Yes No

Budget Request Page

BUDGET: Request by budget category. Budget not to exceed \$10,000.

Allocate operating budget to Department of _____

Summer 2008		
(Funds available July 1, 2008)		
1125	Faculty Stipend	
1120	Graduate Student Salaries	
1325	Special Pay to Faculty other than Grantee	
1410	Non-student Temporary Wages	
1450	Student Temporary Wages	
1950	Honorarium (Individual(s) not with UNCC)	
2300	Supplies	
3100	Travel	
3200	Communication	
3400	Printing	
5200	Computing Equipment	
5300	Educational Equipment	
Total		

Budget Justification

Include detailed budget with narrative justification. For faculty stipends, list each faculty member who is to receive a summer stipend.

Budget Justification:

Biographical Sketch

(Limit of two pages for each investigator.)

Name: _____

Rank: _____

Department: _____

College: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Education:

List degree, institution, and dates in chronological order

Degree	Institution	Dates

Papers presented at meetings (selected): *(Select those papers most relevant to proposed project.)*

List formal papers presented at professional meetings in reverse chronological order, with most recent paper first.

1.

Publications (selected): *(Select those publications most relevant to proposed project)*

List papers published in professional journals in reverse chronological order, with most recent publication first. Supply full bibliographical references.

1.

Project Narrative

(not to exceed 1200 words)

A. Introduction

B. Significance

C. Objectives

D. Methods or Steps

E. Method of Dissemination

F. Plans to Seek Future External Funds to Continue This Research