

Tow Award for Innovative and Outstanding Pedagogy

The Tow Award for Innovative and Outstanding Pedagogy recognizes an exemplary member of the Barnard Faculty who combines scholarship and pedagogy in creative ways, maximizing the impact of both. It is awarded to encourage and enable the implementation of new ideas in the classroom.

The selection process has two phases: the screening process conducted by the Grants Committee, and the final selection decided by the President and the Provost, in consultation with the Appointments, Tenure, and Promotion Committee (ATP).

One Tow Award recipient is recognized each year. The recipient receives a \$10,000 research / professional development fund that should be spent over five years to further innovate pedagogies. Awards may be used for travel, conference attendance, course release (at an internal rate of \$7,500 per semester), or other activities related to the development of pedagogical innovation.

Interested full-time Barnard faculty members may nominate themselves or others by emailing the following application materials (in PDF format) to Bobby O'Rourke (rorourke@barnard.edu) in the Office of the Provost:

- A statement explaining how the applicant has creatively combined scholarship and pedagogy. The statement should reflect on the applicant's current teaching practices and propose to explore new methods and shifts in practice by means of new technology, group teaching, curriculum development, integration of fieldwork, writing textbooks, or other innovative scholarship and pedagogy. The statement must indicate how the applicant will use the Tow Award over the next five years.
- Selected syllabi, student evaluations, and other teaching materials from the past one to three years that are particularly relevant in demonstrating the applicant's innovative methodologies.
- A letter of recommendation from the candidate's department chair addressing the applicant's innovative pedagogy (not to exceed three pages).
- The candidate's Curriculum Vitae.

In addition, applicants may opt to submit up to two letters from Barnard or Columbia colleagues with whom they have worked closely on activities such as team-teaching or curriculum development. Please note that the proposal could be tied to one specific course, or it could be more general. Interdisciplinarity is encouraged.

The Grants Committee will recommend to the Provost up to five candidates for review by the Provost and President, who, in consultation with the ATP, will select the recipient of the annual award.

The recipient of the Tow Award for Innovative and Outstanding Pedagogy will be announced at the April or May Faculty Meeting. Recipients of this award are expected to make a presentation to new faculty during Orientation activities and to meet with representatives of the Tow Foundation at a luncheon during the fall term following the announcement of the award.