

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE FACULTY EMPLOYEES WITH INFORMATION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES.

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## A. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### 1. President's Opportunity Grant

Faculty may apply for a grant through the Discovery Incubator. This opportunity grant is focused on assisting faculty in their scholarship and research efforts. Faculty development and enhancement of existing scholarship and research is a cornerstone of the Brenau University 2025 Vision and Strategic Plan goals. Funded projects should address ongoing faculty efforts to expand the body of knowledge in their respective fields. Projects may include performance or exhibition development, bench, field, or clinical research, writing for publication (articles and books), original pedagogy development and assessment, or development of innovative approaches for social entrepreneurship. Undergraduate and graduate student involvement in the proposed project will be given priority. Interdisciplinary and collaborative projects are welcomed. Maximum award for each project is \$10,000.

### 2. QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) Grant

The QEP will award two faculty development grants each semester to support faculty attendance at a conference or workshop focused specifically on critical thinking pedagogy. All full-time, part-time and adjunct faculty, as well as Student Services staff members may apply. Grant awards will be a maximum of \$1,500.00 that can be used to cover registration, travel, and lodging.

Applicants must complete the grant application form and return to the QEP Director. Recipients of grants must write an executive summary, due within one calendar month of the conference/workshop, of their training explaining what they learned and how they will change their teaching and assessment activities in accordance with what they have learned. In addition, faculty will present a summary of their experience at a university-wide faculty meeting.

### 3. University Faculty Development Funds

Supports faculty presenting at conferences and some travel funds to attend conferences. Requests are sent to the Faculty Support and Development Committee for review.

### 4. Academic and Sabbatical Leave (3-03 N)

Full-time faculty may request a leave of absence for any of the following reasons: Additional graduate study, or sabbatical leave for research or artistic development. Requests are sent to the appropriate department chair and dean for presentation to the Faculty Development and Support Committee no later than November 1 for leave during the next fall semester, or by March 1 for a leave beginning the following spring semester. Refer to FSG 3-03 N for additional information.