

## **Tow Award for Innovative & Outstanding Pedagogy**

Dear Faculty,

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). The Grants Committee will recommend to the Provost up to five candidates for review.

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, or research activities related to the development of pedagogical innovation. A proposal could be tied to a specific course, or it could be more general. Interdisciplinarity is encouraged.

Faculty are invited to apply for the award on their own behalf, or you may nominate a faculty colleague for the award, by sending the name of the nominee to Bobby O'Rourke ([rorourke@barnard.edu](mailto:rorourke@barnard.edu)) and Tina Simpson ([tsimpson@barnard.edu](mailto:tsimpson@barnard.edu)) along with a brief statement of nomination. You may notify your nominee if you would like, but the Grants Committee will also reach out to the faculty member notifying them of their nomination, and will invite them to apply by submitting the following materials:

- 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
- An approval or additional comments from the nominee's department chair addressing the applicant's innovative pedagogy
- The candidate's Curriculum Vitae

The following materials may add value to the application, but their inclusion is optional:

- Selected syllabi, student evaluations, and other teaching materials from the past 1 - 3 years that are particularly relevant in demonstrating the applicant's innovative methodologies. Applicants should submit student evaluations for no more than 8 unique courses taught during their previous six semesters of teaching and should avoid duplicate course evaluations from any individual course offered in multiple years

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.