The Tow Award recognizes an exemplary member of the Barnard Faculty who combines scholarship and pedagogy in creative ways, maximizing the impacts of both. The selection process has two phases: the screening process conducted by the Grants Committee and the final selection process decided by the President and the Provost, in consultation with the Appointments, Tenure and Promotion Committee. One recipient will be recognized each year and will receive a $10,000 research/professional development fund that can be spent over five years to further innovative pedagogies. Awards may be used for travel, conference attendance, course release (at internal rate of $7,500/semester), to development of new pedagogy, or other related activities.

Interested fulltime members of the Barnard faculty may nominate themselves or others by sending an application which includes a brief letter of interest or nomination (not to exceed 5 pages); the candidate’s teaching statement (not to exceed 3 pages), the past 3-5 years of Barnard College student evaluations, including comments, and a curriculum vita via e-mail (PDF) to Hilary Link, Chair of the Grants Committee, hlink@barnard.edu. The candidate’s teaching statement should reflect upon his or her aspirations, intent and achievements, and should address, to the extent applicable, how he or she

- blends teaching and scholarship,
- disseminates his or her research through teaching,
- inspires students to achieve the highest academic standards,
- uses innovative technologies, including new media, to extend both the classroom environment and research findings to a broader community of scholars and students.

The application and all supporting documentation must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 25, 2013. Faculty applicants are invited to email Hilary Link (hlink@barnard.edu) before the due date to confirm receipt of the full application.

The Grants Committee will recommend to the Provost up to five candidates who will be invited to submit a full dossier for review by the President and Provost, who in consultation with the Appointments, Tenure and Promotion Committee will select the recipient of the annual award. Only invited candidates who submit the following materials will be considered eligible to receive this award:

- a letter of recommendation from the department chair (not to exceed 3 pages) and
- selected syllabi and other relevant teaching materials from the past 3 to 5 years

In addition, invited candidates may opt to submit up to 2 letters from Barnard or Columbia colleagues with whom they have worked closely on activities such as team-teaching or curriculum development. The complete dossier should be sent to Office of the Provost, via e-mail (PDF) to Hilary Link, Chair of the Grants Committee, hlink@barnard.edu, and must be received by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Candidates are invited to email...
Hilary Link (hlink@barnard.edu) before the due date to confirm receipt of the complete dossier.

The recipient will be announced at the April or May Faculty Meeting and will be invited to and recognized at the annual Medalist Brunch. 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 in the fall term following the announcement of the award.