2014 Vermont Bread Loaf Teacher Network Fellowships for Vermont Public School Teachers

The Bread Loaf School of English, a Middlebury College summer graduate program, tailored to K-12 English and Language Arts teachers, is renowned not only for the top quality education it provides but also for its premier, year-round professional development network, the Bread Loaf Teacher Network (BLTN): [www.middlebury.edu/blse/bltn](http://www.middlebury.edu/blse/bltn). BLTN brings together outstanding teachers in targeted states and supports innovative collaborations between teachers and their students---collaborations which put students at the center of the educational process. BLTN teachers work together to develop powerful pedagogies that link classrooms to community, reading and writing to the world. BLTN is now in a position to establish a BLTN branch in Vermont. We are looking for outstanding Vermont public school teachers, ready to commit both to undertaking their own intellectual and professional renewal through graduate level training in literature and pedagogy and to taking that education back to their schools and districts. They will connect with Vermont educational and community leaders to share ideas and plan innovative ways of inspiring and mobilizing support for Vermont youth leadership and civic engagement.

**Fellowships:** To support this work, the Bread Loaf School of English is offering a limited number of special $7,000 fellowships for Vermont public school teachers. Fellows will attend the Vermont campus of the Bread Loaf School of English in summer 2014, will become active members of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network, and will work together through the year to establish Vermont BLTN as a resource for teachers, students, and communities.

**Eligibility:** All fellowship applicants must be full-time teachers in a Vermont public school: they must have completed a minimum of one year of teaching by June 2014 and must be teaching in a Vermont public school during the 2014-15 academic year. Applicants must also apply for admission to the Bread Loaf School of English. 2014 fellows will be eligible to apply for 2015 Vermont BLTN fellowships.

**Fellowship Obligations:**

- Fellows must attend the Bread Loaf campus in Vermont and take two graduate courses, including one designated Group 1 course in writing, pedagogy, or literacy (contact Dana Olsen at [dolsen@middlebury.edu](mailto:dolsen@middlebury.edu) for course options). Students who have already taken a course in pedagogy at Bread Loaf are encouraged but not required to take an additional Group 1 course.

- All fellows must participate in weekly BLTN campus meetings and collaborate with other Vermont BLTN teachers on projects that will support youth leadership and civic engagement. These projects can become the basis for an Independent Reading Project, which carries one unit (three semester hours) of course credit.

- During the 2014-15 academic year, fellows will work with a Vermont coordinator to create and effect a plan of action.
• Fellows must submit three reports on their Vermont BLTN projects and activities:

  Before the end of classes at their campus: a report on Bread Loaf courses and summer work, detailing Vermont BLTN plans for 2014-15

  February 1, 2015: a progress report on their projects and Vermont BLTN activities

  June 15, 2015: a final report on their projects and Vermont BLTN activities

• Fellows must acknowledge the Bread Loaf School of English and the Vermont BLTN fellowship in all publications and presentations resulting from their fellowship year.

**Award notifications:** Fellowship recipients will be chosen and notified by June 1, 2014.