2017 Vermont Bread Loaf Teacher Network Fellowships for Vermont Public School Teachers

The Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English, a 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). 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 (see www.middlebury.edu/blse/bltn and http://sites.middlebury.edu/bltnmag/).

The Vermont cohort within BLTN has created a community-linked learning project, cited by KidsVT as “one of the state’s most innovative courses” and endorsed by school administrators across the state, giving students from a number of Vermont schools a credit-bearing opportunity to pursue independent and collective research on a common topic through groundbreaking hybrid online and in-person learning and teaching. This course, called What’s the Story?, is now in its third year, so the curriculum and assessments, infrastructure and supporting resources have all been fine-tuned. We are looking for outstanding Vermont public school teachers who are interested in undertaking intensive graduate study at the Bread Loaf School of English as well as in joining Vermont BLTN and bringing their talent and ideas to the group’s cutting-edge initiatives. Teachers engaged in the work of Vermont BLTN will become co-instructors of the What’s the Story course and learn to be expert multimodal digital writers and teachers.

Fellowships: The Bread Loaf School of English is offering a limited number of special fellowships of up to $5,000 each for teachers in Vermont public schools and those independent schools approved by the state to receive tuition from public funds, to support summer study at the Bread Loaf School of English and year-round professional development through BLTN. Fellows will attend Bread Loaf (new fellows at the Vermont campus) in summer 2017, will become active members of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network, and will collaborate with other Vermont teachers on projects that link education to community.

Eligibility: All fellowship applicants must be full-time teachers in a Vermont public high school or middle school, or independent high school or middle school approved by the state to receive tuition from public funds. They must have completed a minimum of one year of teaching by June 2017 and must be teaching in a Vermont public school or independent school approved by the state to receive tuition from public funds during the 2017-18 academic year. Applicants must also apply for admission to the Bread Loaf School of English. Previous fellows are eligible to apply for 2017 Vermont BLTN fellowships.

Fellowship Obligations:

- Fellows must enroll in either one or two graduate courses at the Bread Loaf campus in Vermont. New fellows take one designated Group 1 course in writing, pedagogy, or literacy.
(contact Dana Olsen at 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 2017-18 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 2017-18

  February 1, 2018: a progress report on their projects and Vermont BLTN activities

  June 15, 2018: 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 on a rolling basis beginning March 1, 2017.