



BLTN FELLOWSHIPS - 2026

for Public School Teachers

Fellowships: The Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English is pleased to offer fellowships of up to \$10,000 for public school teachers, with some awards designated specifically for those working in underserved schools and communities. Fellowships will support summer study (two units of graduate credit) at the School of English in 2026. Fellows will become active members of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network (BLTN), an innovative professional development network fostering pedagogical collaboration, teacher research, and social action teaching and learning. Specifically, they will collaborate with a BLTN partner on media-rich classroom projects that actively cultivate student leadership and literacy.

Eligibility: Fellowship applicants must be full-time teachers in a public school, must have completed a minimum of one year of teaching by June 2026, and must be teaching at a public school during the 2026-27 academic year. There are also a limited number of fellowships available for community educators who have been educating youth in an official capacity (e.g. afterschool programs) for at least one year and who will continue the work during the fellowship year. All fellowship applicants must apply both for admission (or re-enrollment) to the Bread Loaf School of English and for Middlebury financial aid. Because BLTN fellowships are designed to encourage sustained involvement in the network, preference will be given to Bread Loaf students in their first, second, and third years of study.

Fellowship Obligations:

- First-year fellows may attend Bread Loaf's Vermont, Oxford, or Monterey campus and take two units of graduate credit. New fellows are encouraged to enroll in a Group 1 course on writing, pedagogy, literacy, or creative practice.
- All fellows must participate in weekly BLTN meetings during the summer and plan innovative pedagogical or research projects to be carried out during the following academic year in collaboration with other BLTN members, including members of our youth advocacy network, the [BLTN Next Generation Leadership Network](#).
- Fellows in sites with BLTN state or local groups must participate in all network group activities, including any local network meetings, during the academic year following their funded summer.
- Fellows must submit three detailed reports (end-of-summer, mid-year, and end-of-academic year) on their BLTN projects and activities.

Award notifications: Fellowship applications will be reviewed, and awards announced, in two rounds: the first in early March and the second in early May. Priority will be given to students in the first round. Students who wish to be considered in the first round should submit their fellowship and financial aid applications by February 16; those who wish to be considered in the second round should submit their fellowship applications by April 20.