

OTWAY FELLOWSHIPS

for South Carolina Public School Teachers

Fellowships: The Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English will offer competitive Otway Fellowships of up to \$10,000 for South Carolina public school teachers. The fellowship will support summer study (two graduate courses) at the School of English in 2022. Fellowships will support summer study (two units of graduate credit) at the School of English in 2022. Fellows will become active members of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network (BLTN), a state-of-the-art professional development network fostering pedagogical innovation, teacher research, and social action teaching and learning. Driven by the belief that students are education's finest resources, BLTN teachers collaborate year-round with each other and their students on media-rich classroom projects and partnerships, with the shared goal of cultivating the leadership potential and literacy of students from underserved communities especially.

Eligibility: Fellowship applicants must be full-time teachers in a South Carolina public school, must have completed a minimum of one year of teaching by June 2022, and must be teaching during the 2022-23 academic year. Applicants must apply both for admission (or re-enrollment) to the Bread Loaf School of English and for Middlebury financial aid. BLTN fellowships are designed to encourage sustained involvement in the network and therefore preference will be given to Bread Loaf students in their first, second, and third years of study.

Fellowship Obligations:

- First-year fellows will attend Bread Loaf's Vermont or Oxford campus and take two units of graduate credit. New fellows are encouraged to enroll in a Group 1 courses 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 <u>BLTN Next Generation Leadership Network</u>.
- Fellows in sites with BLTN state or local groups must participate in all group activities during the academic year following their funded summer.
- Fellows must submit three detailed reports 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. Students who wish to be considered in the first round should submit their fellowship applications by February 15; those who wish to be considered in the second round should submit their fellowship applications by April 20.