

OTWAY FFILOWSHIPS 2024

for Public School Teachers from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Fellowships: The Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English will offer competitive Otway Fellowships of up to \$10,000 for public school teachers from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, with a preference for teachers from South Carolina. Fellowships will support summer study (two units of graduate credit) at the School of English in 2024. 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. 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 Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee public school, must have completed a minimum of one year of teaching by June 2024, and must be teaching during the 2024-25 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 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 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</u>
 <u>Generation Leadership Network</u>.
- Fellows must submit three detailed reports on their BLTN projects and activities.

Application deadline: 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 applications by February 16; those who wish to be considered in the second round should submit their fellowship applications by April 19.