

Full-time faculty development and sabbatical opportunities:

The ATU Faculty Research Fund (page 54 of the *Faculty Handbook*) awards up to \$2,000 for a fiscal year for research activities. (Faculty Research link at <http://research.atu.edu>). The current deadline dates for this grant are October 1, 2011, and February 1, 2012.

Faculty Development Grant funds are available in college budgets. Applications for these funds are coordinated through the dean's office in each college.

The Professional Development Grant funds were established by the President to provide "additional faculty development opportunities beyond those provided by the colleges" (page 55 of the FH). (Professional Development link at <http://research.atu.edu>). The current deadline dates for these grants are October 1, 2011, February 1, 2012, and April 15, 2012.

The Undergraduate Research fund encourages "collaborative faculty and student research activities" (page 56 of the FH). (Faculty Research link at <http://research.atu.edu>). The current deadline date for this grant is September 19, 2011.

Sabbatical assignments are available to tenured faculty "to support their ability to engage in research, scholarships, artistic and creative pursuits" (page 56 of the FH). (Sabbaticals link at <http://research.atu.edu>). The current deadline date for sabbatical applications for the 2012 calendar year is September 15, 2011.

Summer faculty fellowships, as described on page 58 of the *Faculty Handbook*, are subject to availability of funding.

For the 2011-12 academic year, Arkansas Tech is also inviting applications for student interdisciplinary research grants. A maximum of three grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded. The application process and guidelines are the same as for the undergraduate research grants with the following exceptions:

1. The application deadline is October 1.
2. Applications should be sent to the office of Academic Affairs.
3. The project must be interdisciplinary and involve several students. That is, at least 3 to 5 students from different departments, and preferably from different colleges, must be involved.
4. The students involved may be graduate students.
5. At least two faculty members, not in the same department, preferably not in the same college, must be involved.
6. The budget must describe stipends for student labor, any equipment to be purchased (other than standard office equipment such as computers, printers, etc.), and travel.
7. The project must increase the "global awareness" of the students and faculty involved.
8. Project findings must be presented by the students at the annual Arkansas Tech University Senior Honors and Student Research Symposium, and preferably other venues.

If you are interested in submitting an application for any of these opportunities, please carefully review the guidelines posted for each faculty development opportunity. For the Faculty Research Fund and the Professional Development Grant funds, please remember that final reports for previously awarded grants must be submitted before additional grant applications can be considered.