

Bard Research Fund (BRF) Call for Proposals for Academic Year 2025-2026

For the 2025-26 academic year, the **Bard Research Fund** Program will offer two types of grants. The first type will be seed grants, intended to get a new project off the ground or to assist with an on-going project. Capped at \$2,000, these grants will be exempted from letters of recommendation and/or external peer review. The second category are larger grants for up to \$10,000.

- Grants up to \$4,999 will be exempted from letters of recommendation and/or external peer review.
- Grants \$5,000 - \$10,000 will require two letters of recommendation, with at least one letter from a person external to Bard Annandale. The letters must accompany the application. The applicant may also arrange for the letters to be sent directly to the Office of the Dean. In either case, the letters should be received by the submission deadline. Instead of two letters of recommendations, the applicant may request that their proposal be sent out for external review. If so, this must be made explicit in the proposal. The request must also include a short list of potential peer reviewers.

Eligibility: All members of the Bard undergraduate faculty on a long-term appointment one-half time and above, i.e., tenured and tenured-track faculty, or regular nontenure-track faculty (as defined in the Faculty Handbook).

Funding and Duration: Awarded funds will be available July 1, 2025. All funds must be spent by June 15, 2026. Any extensions to this timeframe and alterations to the scope of the grant require approval by the Office of the Dean. New to the program since 2024 are the following **eligible** expenses--book workshops, publication subsidies, and financial support for the purchase of images and equipment in connection with a specific project. Since the program will only be able to cover a portion of these expenses, applicants are encouraged to seek out other sources of funding and to specify in their proposals the percentage of the expenses requested from the program. Other potential sources of support should also be documented in the application. Questions about expense eligibility can be directed to the Office of the Dean of the College (doc@bard.edu). Please keep in mind that salary for the applicant and food expenses are not eligible for support.

Application: A brief 3-5 page application should be submitted in hardcopy to the Office of the Dean of the College as well as in a single PDF to doc@bard.edu. Applicants are asked to:

- Explain the need for funding and whether this project has received prior support from the BRF.
- Articulate outcomes expected with additional funding--and how that will be measured/represented
- Provide a timeline for completion of work
- Include possible opportunities for students, if any, in connection to the research proposed
- All recipients will be asked to submit a follow up statement after the funds are used (or they may simply use the professional activities form to include specific reference to BRF).

The revised BRF plan has been formulated by the Faculty Resources Committee in consultation with the Faculty Senate.

Deadline: October 15th, 2024. Awards announced by the beginning of Spring 2025 semester.

