The College of Idaho Fund for the Support of Research

At the center of the College’s mission is the concept of the teacher-scholar—a gifted, dedicated teacher whose work in the classroom is enhanced by deep professional training and an ongoing commitment to scholarship. The purpose of this fund—created through “indirect” monies recovered through external federal grants—is to encourage faculty and faculty-student research and scholarship. The fund is administered by The Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the Faculty Growth & Development Committee. It supports activity in the following areas:

1. **Visiting Scholars**
   Support for bringing visiting scholars to campus who will bring new perspectives in knowledge and teaching or expand existing perspectives and thus enliven our academic environment. Awards would support travel to campus, an honorarium (typically up to $500), and some hosting expenses such as a meal or snacks.
   Up to 3 awards ranging up to $1000 each can be made over the academic year.

2. **Grant Writing**
   Grant writing is a crucial aspect of faculty scholarship and development. The fund provides support to faculty for developing grant applications that will be submitted to an external agency. In addition, the fund will support participation in grant writing workshops.
   Up to 7 summer grant-writing awards of $700 apiece can be made; special applications are available for this purposes. Additional grant-writing workshops will be created and supported through this fund.

3. **Student-faculty Research**
   Engaging students in meaningful undergraduate research is a key institutional priority; we are especially interested in helping students present their work at regional and national undergraduate conferences. Faculty interested in accompanying students to conferences should first seek funds from FG&D, which offers special support for this area. The Research Fund will augment FG&D support.

4. **Sabbatical Research**
   Sabbaticals are an important mechanism for helping faculty remain current in their research and to renew their expertise and passion as teachers. The Research Fund supports up to 3 awards in the range of $500-$1500 for sabbatical research, including travel to libraries and conferences (beyond FG&D allocations), special research books and supplies, and other research needs. These awards are available to faculty whose sabbatical leaves have been supported by the College and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Applications will be accepted by the Dean of the Faculty on a rolling basis, starting immediately. Applications should include (1) a cover letter explaining the request and the expected outcomes, (2) a detailed, itemized budget with explanations of the costs, and (3) supporting documents regarding speakers, conference venues, and, for sabbatical support, the executive summary of the sabbatical application.