

Throughout the academic year, the college deans and university administrators announce grant opportunities to support research, creative works, conference travel, and reassigned time. In addition, the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs \(ORSP\)](#) provides; the director is Ms. Sadie Hauck. The ORSP serves as the principal point of contact for individuals seeking and/or managing external and internal funding for research and other creative activities.

University Grants can be found through [InfoReady Review](#). You can log in with your BU credentials and see all available grants. The ORSP will send emails to the faculty community when new grant competitions are announced.

[BU Research Oversight](#) should be consulted for Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC).

### **Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity (URSCA)**

The URSCA program provides students opportunities to conduct research and engage in scholarly or creative projects through the mentorship of faculty during the summer. To learn more about these funding opportunities, explore [URSCA](#). In addition, limited funds are available to fund student travel to present at conferences.

### **Sabbaticals**

If you are a new tenure-track hire, it's too soon to apply for sabbatical. Still you might want to know the following details: faculty may apply for sabbatical leave "who has completed seven (7) or more years of satisfactory service as a FACULTY MEMBER of one (1) or more of the UNIVERSITIES. One (1) sabbatical leave may be requested, considered and granted in accordance with the procedures set forth in [the CBA] Article [18] for each additional seven (7) years of service." Faculty may either take 18 weeks leave at full pay or 36 weeks at half-pay. For more details consult the contract: [The Complete Faculty CBA](#). In addition, consult Sabbatical Guidelines on Bloomsburg University's S: Drive (BU Documents Folder).

For constructive suggestions on how to prepare for sabbatical read Sybil Holloway's essay, "[How to Enjoy a Sabbatical](#)," *Inside Higher Education* (15 February 2012). Sybil Holloway is a psychological counselor and assistant professor here at Bloomsburg University.