

## Sabbaticals and Release Time Additional Support

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The deans and the VCAA Office have been working on how to increase support for faculty development. We are all committed to expanding professional development over time as much as is possible. Toward this end, support for faculty will be available at three levels: the PNC campus, the college, and the Purdue System.

At the campus level, during each academic year and pending funding availability, PNC will provide support for either a single one-semester sabbatical leave or two academic-year sabbaticals (Purdue policy is that these are at half pay). In addition, PNC will support two quarter time releases each academic year. Additionally, each college independently will develop a professional development system commensurate with college goals and faculty development needs, dependent on college resources. The Purdue System provides professional development funding periodically through the Purdue Research Foundation (PRF). PRF deadlines will be announced by West Lafayette and in turn distributed to all departments by the VCAA Office.

The deadline for applications the quarter-time releases will be March 1 of the academic year prior to the requested release. Application deadline for either the half year or the full year sabbaticals will be November 1 of the academic year preceding the sabbatical, so as to determine the feasibility of timing and how the responsibilities of the faculty member might be met. It may be necessary at times to defer sabbatical leaves for programmatic and/or financial reasons.

All applications for sabbatical leave and release times will be forwarded to the appropriate department chair for consideration. After review by the individual chairs, all viable applications will be forwarded to the corresponding college dean. Each dean will develop a list of acceptable leaves/release times for the college. The individual college applications will then be collectively reviewed by all the deans for a final list of recommended sabbatical leaves and release times.