

Faculty Networking Fund

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences

The Faculty Networking Fund (FNF; a.k.a. the “Take a Colleague to Lunch Program”) supports BSS faculty who are looking to develop new collaborations within the department as well as with colleagues in Public Health, the Alpert Medical School, and other Brown university departments. The FNF provides up to \$40 for the applying faculty member to take a colleague to lunch to discuss each other’s work and potential for collaborations. Each year faculty may request funds for two such lunches. The invited faculty member should be someone with whom the applying faculty member has not had substantial collaborations in the past.

Application: The application for FNF support requires an email to the Department Chair requesting funds, naming the invited faculty member, and providing a single sentence rationale for the choice of the invitee. Approval must be obtained prior to incurring expenses. Applications will be reviewed by the BSS Executive Committee on a rolling basis with a decision on funding made within two weeks after application receipt.

Budget: Approximately \$2000 will be set aside in the Department budget to support the FNF. Awards have a maximum value of \$40. The awards will reimburse costs incurred by the applicant.

Spending: Spending of the FNF must follow university policies. Costs incurred can be submitted to BSS (Linda_Angela@brown.edu) for reimbursement. Any questions about spending policy and reimbursement should be directed to Linda.

Reporting: To gauge the success of the FNF and encourage its use, faculty using the FNF are asked to provide brief updates on collaborations at regular BSS faculty meetings.