

The Dean Barbara S. Stowe

Faculty Development Fund

Purpose

The Dean Barbara S. Stowe Faculty Development Fund was established to support faculty who translate research-based knowledge into practice in higher education, business, industry, or public policy. An annual award from this fund will support outstanding faculty in their pursuit of professional growth.

Preference will be given for awards to faculty who seek to understand and impact public issues and/or public policy and to attain national prominence. This fund is intended to support travel and related expenses incurred during a professional development experience.

Donors

This fund was established by gifts from alumni, friends, faculty, and students of the College of Health and Human Sciences on the occasion for Dean Stowe's retirement in 1998.

Eligibility

The one recipient of this \$5,000 award shall be a regularly appointed faculty member with at least a 0.5 position in the College of Health and Human Sciences at Kansas State University. The basic promise of the fund is to support faculty who translate research based knowledge into practice in higher education, business or industry, or into public policy. Preference will be given to a faculty member who is advancing his/her capabilities and impact as a faculty member or administrator.

Selection

The recipient of this award will be selected by the Dean of Health and Human Sciences who shall act on the recommendation made by the College Awards Committee.

Application Guidelines

Recipients of the award may apply the funding to such approved endeavors as administrative development, academic and curricular development, liaison projects with government and/or industry, and other initiatives that advance the mission of the College of Health and Human Sciences.

Applications are due by the date set forth by the College Awards Committee. The award will be announced late spring and formally recognized at the subsequent fall forum. Funds must be expended within the academic year of recognition.

The recipient of the Barbara S. Stowe Faculty Development Fund will be announced via social media. Within one month of return to campus following the activity, the award recipient will submit a brief report describing outcomes of the activity to the College Awards Committee.

Criteria for Evaluation

Primary criteria for evaluation include: potential for enhancing scholarship of teaching, research and/or service; capacity to become a national leader in a human ecology specialization; preference to applicants with demonstrated interest and ability in public issues; clarity and strength of proposal, including statement of justification.

About Barbara S. Stowe

Barbara Spilker Stowe served as Dean of the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University from 1983-1998. A progressive and innovative national leader, she served as an articulate spokesperson for the profession and the College.

Dr. Stowe's national influence is reflected by her involvement in national committees studying higher education and social science issues. She served on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board, and Senator Pat Roberts appointed her to the Science, Technology and the Future Task Force.

As Dean, Dr. Stowe guided the College with tenacity and commitment to high standards. She coordinated a privately funded building program which included the Galichia Institute for Gerontology and Family Studies and the Stone House Child Care Center. She helped develop a W. K. Kellogg Foundation-funded project which established a School of Human Ecology in Paraguay. Her leadership enhanced the stature and productivity of the College.

Stowe earned a B.S. in Home Economics at the University of Nebraska, an M.A. in Textiles and Clothing at Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. in Textile Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and North Carolina State University. Prior to becoming Dean at KSU, Stowe served as assistant director of Extension for 4-H Youth Programs and as chairperson and professor in the Department of Human Environment and Design at Michigan State University. Dr. Stowe also served as head and associate professor in the Department of Consumer Affairs at Auburn University. She has been honored as a Fellow of the Association of College Professors of Textiles and Clothing, and as an outstanding alumna by the University of Nebraska, Michigan State University, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

