

## SFI - Semester Funding Initiative for Project Support

**Submission Deadline by 5:00 PM:** Friday, October 21, 2011, for projects in Autumn and Winter  
Late applications will not be accepted. Friday, February 10, 2012, for projects in Spring and Summer

**Submit applications to the SFI Coordinator for 2011-12, Professor Bebe Miller at OSU Dept of Dance, 1800 Cannon Drive, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43210.** If you have any questions, you may contact Professor Miller at [miller.2506@osu.edu](mailto:miller.2506@osu.edu) or 614-292-8168, or Administrative Manager, Jane Ledford-Adkins, at 614-292-0984 or [ledford-adkins.1@osu.edu](mailto:ledford-adkins.1@osu.edu).

At any time, students can download this application by going to the department website at [www.dance.osu.edu](http://www.dance.osu.edu).

### Project Support Funds

The department has the following funds for SFI project support. Awarding is based on the merit of the project, growth-to-date in the undergraduate or graduate program, and the benefit to the department.

**The Vera J. Blaine Special Projects Fund** was established in honor of Vera J. (Vickie) Blaine, department Chair from 1982-1995 and professor emerita, to support creative projects in dance.

**Karen A. Bell Dance Fund** was established in 2011 in honor of the former department professor, Chair from 1982-1995, Associate Dean and then Dean of the former College of the Arts 1995-2008, and Vice President of the OSU Arts Initiative 2008-2011, to support "local, national, or international student projects, performances, presentations, and workshops that benefit populations who have little access to dance."

**Chair's Discretionary Fund** was established by the university to allow department directors to allocate funding for initiatives not covered by the general operating fund.

**Presutti-Madison Scholarship Fund** was established by Janet Madison, an alumna, in memory of her mother, Lucy Presutti, to provide support for archival research in dance.

#### History of the Initiative and Awarding Parameters

In 2005, the Scholarship Committee began a new project funding program called the Quarterly Funding Initiative, or QFI. The purpose is to support students' short-term research projects or events that contribute to their degree program, but are an added cost to their education. This initiative **does not replace** the yearly application process for tuition assistance provided by the department's scholarship funds.

These funds may supplement other grants that do not fully cover costs. An itemized budget must be submitted with the application form. Students may submit proposals for a minimum of \$20 up to \$300 to apply toward (including but not limited to):

- travel to conferences, or research trip travel
- research project support
- dance field festival tuition
- summer workshop costs

#### *Awarding Parameters*

- 1) The merit of the proposed project will be of primary consideration.
- 2) GPA and department citizenship (grad/undergrad) will be of secondary importance.
- 3) Chances for funding will depend on the number of proposals received.
- 4) Priority is given to undergraduates who have completed at least one year in the program.
- 5) Priority will be given to first-time applicants.
- 6) Students can apply in each round for consideration.
- 7) Awarding is dependent on an upcoming event/project. Awards are not given for costs or events in the past.

#### *How is the award dispersed?*

**SFI awards are deposited directly to the student's SIS account via the dept Administrative Manager with the Office of Financial Aid.** This award does not affect financial aid packages, as the Office of Financial Aid increases the cost of education and the award offsets that expense. Students must provide the SFI coordinator with a summary of how the award helped them reach their goal.

