

# The Dean Barbara S. Stowe Endowed Faculty Development Fund

## Purpose

The Dean Barbara S. Stowe Endowed Fund for Faculty Development was established to support professional development of College of Human Ecology faculty. A bi-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 Human Ecology on the occasion for Dean Stowe's retirement in 1998.

## Eligibility

The recipient of this award shall be a regularly appointed faculty member with at least a 0.5 position in the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University. Preference will be given to faculty members who have developed a career advancement plan which enhances knowledge regarding public issues and public policy development and has the potential to lead to national prominence. Graduate students, faculty in temporary positions, and faculty who received the Stowe Award in the previous award cycle are not eligible to apply. Funds will be awarded without restriction to academic rank, gender, race, handicap, religion or national origin.

## Selection

The recipient of this award will be selected by the Dean of Human Ecology based on recommendations made by the Faculty Affairs Committee of the College Faculty Council.

## Application Guidelines

A faculty member may use the Award to actively participate in a conference, seminar, or workshop relevant to goals presented in the application; or a faculty member can collaborate with a host agency and mentor. A letter from the mentor formally inviting the faculty member that specifies support for achieving goals should be included with the application.

Applications are due midway through the spring semester of the award year to the Dean's Office. The award will be announced late spring and formally recognized at the subsequent fall commencement. Funds must be expended within the academic year of recognition.

A press release will announce the bi-annual recipient of the Barbara S. Stowe Faculty Development Fund. Within one month of return to campus following the activity, award recipients will submit a brief report describing the outcomes of the completed activity.

## 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 of Human Ecology at KSU, 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.