

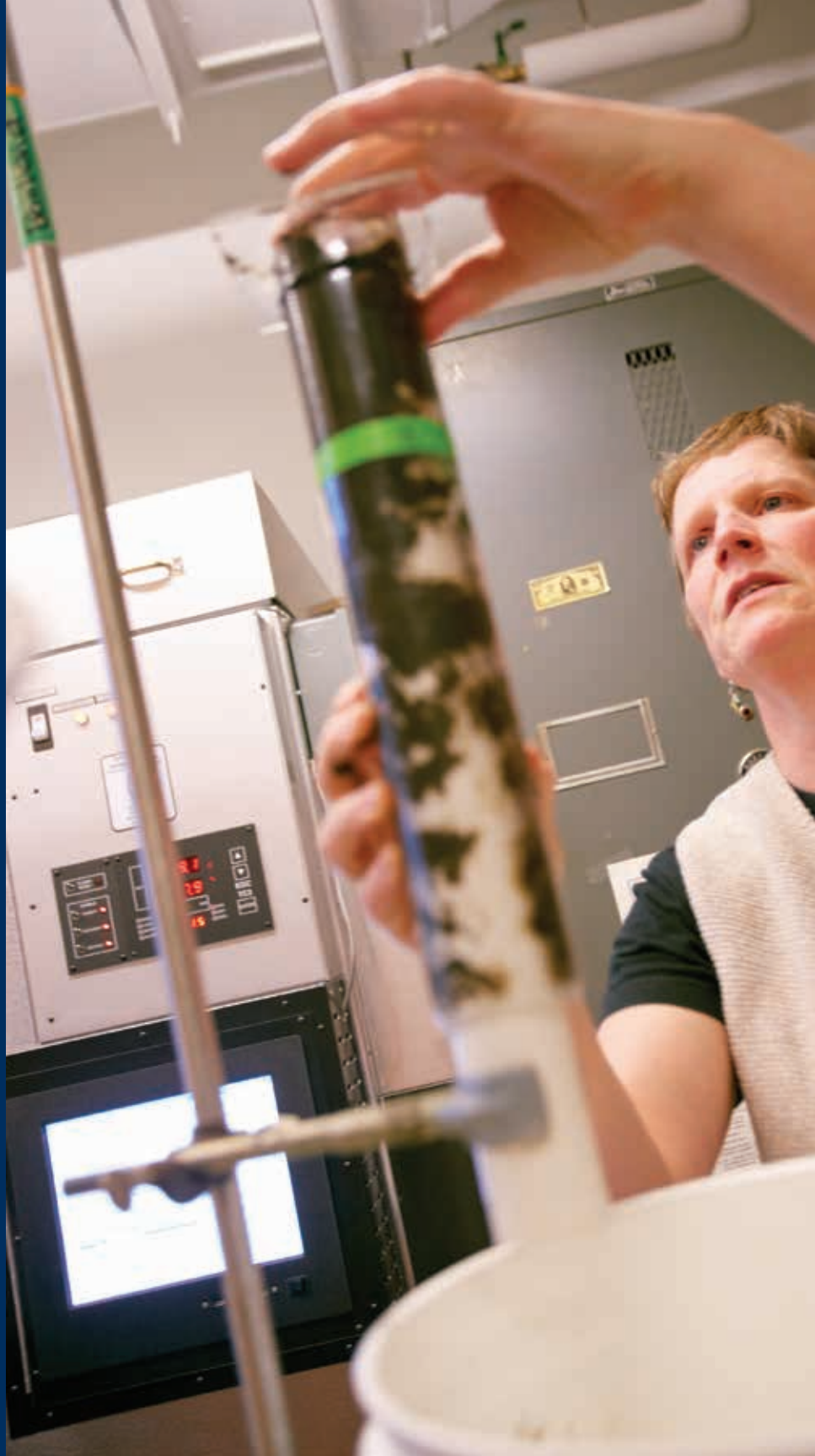
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE FACULTY

Research Matters



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*Support for
Faculty Scholarship
and Creativity*



Planning Your Research

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DEVELOPING & MAINTAINING A RESEARCH AGENDA

How does one learn how to manage a research agenda? Research Matters workshops address topics such as building one's research profile, balancing research and teaching, getting launched in new projects at mid-career and keeping in touch with new developments in one's field. Participants will have the opportunity to review their research agenda with more experienced colleagues who can help at critical junctures in a research career.

CREATING SUCCESSFUL GRANT PROPOSALS

How does one find grant funding for research? Research Matters offers programs that support faculty in writing successful grant proposals and offer assistance from experienced colleagues and representatives from external funding agencies such as the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and Fulbright. The office of corporate, foundation and government relations also provides grant-writing support

PLANNING FOR PUBLISHING

How does one turn a dissertation into a book or find a publisher in today's complicated market? An academic press editor offers individualized feedback on book proposals and resumes. Workshops focus on producing a first book and on improved self-presentation in the world of academic publishing. How might one move from academic to trade publishing? Faculty who have "crossed over" offer guidance on publishing with a trade press.



RESEARCH MATTERS

supports faculty research and creativity throughout a career. The program launches new faculty in successful research careers, sustains faculty research programs through tenure and beyond and allows faculty to deepen or switch their research programs as new interests emerge.



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includes workshops and programs on everything from developing a research agenda to writing successful grant proposals to finding a publisher.

RESEARCH MATTERS

sponsors 1) Faculty@Work lunches, where faculty members present their ongoing research and 2) faculty reading and writing groups, where faculty members exchange works in progress and develop new expertise.

RESEARCH MATTERS

offers two funding sources. One is the R.F. Johnson Fund for Faculty Research, which supports conference travel and other typical research projects. The other is the Research Matters Fund, which provides funding for international and archival research, as well as for projects that take faculty in new directions or constitute an unusual moment in a research career.

RESEARCH MATTERS

partners with the Joy Schechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching and Learning to support the critical intersections between research and the classroom.

above: associate professor of ethnobotany Manuel Lizarralde in an herbarium in Venezuela.

left: associate professor of religious studies Sufia Uddin in a village in the Sundarbans, Bangladesh.

front cover: associate professor of biology Anne Bernhard in her laboratory in New London Hall.

Funding Your Research

R.F. JOHNSON RESEARCH & TRAVEL FUND

This fund, allocated twice during the academic year, enables faculty to pursue their core research projects through travel to conferences and archives, purchase of research material, travel for field work, etc.

RESEARCH MATTERS FUND

This fund, allocated annually, offers larger awards designed to support international and archival research, new directions in research and unusual moments in a research career.



Presenting Your Research

FACULTY@WORK

Presenting one's work to faculty colleagues is essential to the intellectual life of a college community, and it can be the source of interdisciplinary collaboration, intellectual partnership, and interesting developments in both research and teaching. These lunch hour events feature faculty across the College presenting their works-in-progress.

FACULTY WRITING & READING GROUPS

Sharing one's writing with a small group of colleagues and receiving feedback can be critical to keeping a research program alive. Acquiring new expertise by reading with a group of colleagues can advance a research program in new directions. Faculty writing and reading groups receive support for refreshments, books and external visitors.

Resources

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THE CORPORATE, FOUNDATION & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

offers assistance to faculty in writing sponsored research proposals, submitting them through the College and managing the grant awards. Information about the process can be found in the Grants Handbook on CamelWeb. Contact Naima Gherbi, at nghe@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2438.

THE RESEARCH SUPPORT & INSTRUCTION

LIBRARIANS

offer support to faculty with their research needs. The librarians can help find collections and archives, assist in the retrieval of material through Interlibrary Loan, or find out how faculty can get on-site access to collections. Contact Carrie Kent, director of research support and instruction, at caroline.kent@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2444.



above: professor of geology Douglas Thompson working on a spanning log survey on the Blackledge River in Marlborough, CT.

left: assistant professor of Japanese Sayumi Harb engaged in archival research on Ōtagaki Rengetsu in Japan.

Faculty research of the highest quality not only enhances
the learning environment at Connecticut College,
but also promotes the most basic value
of this liberal arts college:
the championing of knowledge and creative endeavors.

- Roger Brooks, Dean of the Faculty



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