The W. Cosby Bell Fellowship Fund and the Hulbert A. Woolfall Memorial Fund

The Bell Fellowship Fund and the Woolfall Memorial Fund of Virginia Seminary make available financial assistance to highly competent students who are pursuing a post-seminary academic degree, normally a Ph.D. degree, with the intention of teaching one of the theological disciplines in a seminary or other center of higher education.

I. Guidelines

Grants from the Bell Fellowship Fund are awarded by the faculty of Virginia Seminary in accordance with the following priorities which were adopted by the faculty on January 30, 1976. (Grants from the Woolfall Memorial Fund are awarded according to the same criteria, the result of an administrative decision made at the time of the Woolfall bequest that was determined to be fully in keeping with the more broadly-stated terms of that bequest):

a. Persons who are potential members of the faculty of this seminary or some other seminary and who are working for an advanced academic degree.

b. Persons who are currently members of this faculty and who are working for an advanced academic degree in a field directly related to their teaching.

II. Amount of Grants

While the principal amount of the two funds is not large, there is no fixed limit to the amount of an individual grant except the availability of funds and the demonstrated need of the applicant. Grants have recently ranged from $1,000 per year to $3,000 per year.

III. Time Limitation

In general, a person who is given a grant in one year to work toward an advanced theological degree, and who is making satisfactory progress, shall be given priority over new applicants for a maximum of two additional years, i.e., there is a three-year limit to the grants. It is expected that grant-holders will correspond with the Vice President for Academic Affairs in January of each academic year, reporting on their progress, including a transcript or letter from the Dean or Director of the Graduate Program, and, if applicable, specifically requesting that the grant be renewed for the next academic year.

IV. Application

Applications should be submitted to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Virginia Seminary by March 31 prior to the fall semester in which the applicant plans to enroll in a graduate program. Application forms may be obtained from the Office of Academic Affairs and Student Life.