## **Professional Development**

The Professional Development fund supports scholars for professional presentations or preparations. Funds are available based on distributions of up to \$500/yr. for a period of 3 years (non-consecutive) for a total of \$1,500 (non-cumulative). Funds reimburse scholars directly with original receipt. The PD fund was established with a \$100K endowment for scholar support.

## **The Contingency Fund**

The Contingency Fund was established in 1999. It is supported using unused Academic Support funds from cycled-out or completed scholars at the end of each fiscal year. These funds may be distributed to scholars based on request for support when normal program funding mechanisms are not applicable. Funding requests of \$500 or less are at the discretion of the Program Director; request greater than \$500 require consultation with the state's Advisory Committee representative.