



INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Internal funds are available from the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) and from the Research Council to support faculty members' research, scholarship and creative activities. Visit <http://research.unl.edu/internal-funding-opportunities> for more information. ***Please note UNL is currently transitioning to a new research administration platform in early Fall 2019. If you are interested in seeing a request for applications (RFA) for one of the below programs or have related questions sooner than it is appearing on the website listed above, please feel free to contact Mari Greer, Administrative Coordinator (402.472.2851 or mgreer1@unl.edu) or Jen Nelson, Director of Research Strategy and Infrastructure (402.472.0321 or jnelson18@unl.edu).***

UNL faculty can receive only one ORED internal funding award (Arts and Humanities, Layman, or Research Council) as a PI in any fiscal year, and may not receive more than two ORED internal grants as PI over any four-year fiscal period. Application deadlines and program eligibility requirements vary, so please carefully read each request for applications.

ORED AWARDS

- **Arts and Humanities Research Enhancement Program – *Coming Soon!***
This program is under redesign with information coming later in Fall 2019. The intention of the program is to foster research, scholarship, and creative activity in the arts and humanities and to support excellence in these disciplines. Application deadline: expected March 2020.
- **Biomedical Research Seed Grants**
Evidence of prior work or preliminary data is a necessary component of most biomedical research proposals. These seed funds are intended to enhance the competitiveness of faculty submitting grant proposals requesting R21- or R01-level support from the National Institutes of Health. Investigators are expected to leverage seed funding to accumulate evidence in support of a working hypothesis; demonstrate the feasibility of a new approach; or build reviewers' confidence in a project team's ability to handle cutting-edge technologies, understand methods, and interpret results. Awards up to \$50,000 are available. Applications are accepted any time.
- **Layman New Directions**
The Layman New Directions mechanism provides funding for **tenured** faculty (associate/full professors) who are branching into new research directions or need funding to support pilot/development work towards a next step in a funded research program. Awards up to \$10,000 are available. Application deadline: 1st Monday in March 2020.

- **Layman Seed Awards**

Layman Seed Awards provide funding for new projects by non-tenured early career faculty. Awards up to \$10,000 are offered. Application deadline: 1st Monday in March 2020.

- **Revision Awards**

Revision Awards enhance the competitiveness of faculty revising and resubmitting grant proposals by providing developmental and/or financial support to help improve highly meritorious, but previously unfunded federal funding proposals that are eligible for resubmission. *Faculty must contact Jen Nelson at 402-472-0321 or jnelson18@unl.edu before submitting an application for this award to discuss eligibility.* Two award levels are available. For previous proposals requesting less than \$500,000, awards up to \$25,000 are offered. For previous proposal requests that were more than \$500,000, awards up to \$50,000 are available. Applications are accepted any time.

RESEARCH COUNCIL AWARDS

The following Research Council programs have a single deadline: the 2nd Friday in October annually.

Grants-in-Aid

This program provides support for projects that promote a faculty member's research and creative or scholarly activities that may or may not enhance the prospects for obtaining outside support. Awards are available to scholars from all disciplines and can be used for whatever aspect of a project during a 12-month period is deemed necessary by the applicant – except faculty salary support. Preference will be given to non-tenured early career faculty and to those who have not received a Grant-In-Aid or Faculty Seed Grant from the Research Council in the previous two years. Awards up to \$7,500 for individual applications and up to \$10,000 for joint applications are available.

Faculty Seed Grants

Faculty Seed Grants are designed for projects that encourage and enhance research or creative and scholarly activities and enhance the prospects of obtaining outside, competitive external funding. Faculty Seed Grants are available to scholars from all disciplines. Preference will be given to early career faculty and to those who have not received a Grant-In-Aid or Faculty Seed Grant from the Research Council in the previous two years. Awards up to \$10,000 are available.

Interdisciplinary Grants

The goal for Interdisciplinary Grants is to enhance the competitiveness of applications for external funding and to foster innovative, collaborative, and timely ideas that inform existing and nascent strategic initiatives specified by the institution and/or funding agencies. Interdisciplinary Research Grants are available to UNL scholars from all disciplines. The intent of this competition is to build research collaborations across UNL departments, colleges, and campuses. Preference will be given to those who have not received a Grant-In-Aid, Faculty Seed Grant, or an Interdisciplinary Grant from the Research Council during the previous two years. Awards are available up to \$20,000; however, in an effort to encourage ambitious proposals and truly multi-disciplinary initiatives, the Research Council will accept requests for larger amounts of funding.

The following Research Council programs have two deadlines annually: the 2nd Friday in October and the 2nd Friday in March. For the October deadline, applications will be accepted for scheduled lectures, workshops, symposia, activities held between January and June of the following year. For the March deadline, applications will be accepted for scheduled lectures, workshops, symposia, activities held between July and December of the same year as the submitted application.

Distinguished Lecturer

Support is offered for distinguished invited scholars who appeal to and interact with a large interdisciplinary segment of the university community. The speaker must be distinguished in his or her field. The stature of the speaker will be judged by his/her academic rank and institution; the number and significance of the speaker's scholarly publications (books, journal articles and abstracts of meeting presentations); or artistic works/productions, honors or honorary degrees, volumes, books or journals edited, or research grants and contracts secured. The program must include at least one lecture that is open, free-of-charge, and advertised to the entire UNL community. Funds may be used for travel and local expenses for featured speakers and/or honorarium. Awards up to \$3,000 are made.

Visiting Scholar

Visiting scholars are recognized for excellence in their fields and whose research and scholarly activities are closely related to the research interests of the faculty and graduate students at UNL. Each visitor is to give at least one lecture that is open free-of-charge, and advertised to the entire UNL community. The Research Council requests that every consideration be given to having scholars visit when a maximum number of people are present on campus.

Visiting Scholars will be reimbursed for airfare and actual expenses for lodging and meals up to \$130 per day for up to a two-day stay in Lincoln. Honoraria will not be provided and should be sought from sources other than the Research Council. Preference will be given to proposals contributing most directly to research being done at UNL and to those which benefit the most people. Under this program the Research Council will support no more than four visitors per department during a six-month period. Awards up to \$800 are available.

Symposia

Support for outstanding invited scholars who will give symposia or colloquia that are of interest to a large interdisciplinary segment of the university community. The program must include at least one lecture that is open, free-of-charge, and advertised to the entire UNL community. Funds may be used to pay for (but are not limited to) the following expenses: travel and/or local expenses and honoraria. Applicants are encouraged to use good judgment when making requests for honoraria support. Any exceptional expenses or honoraria must be strongly justified. Applicants must be able to secure other funds to cover a portion of the budgeted expenses. Awards up to \$3,000 may be issued.

Special Opportunity Fund

The special opportunity fund helps cover the costs associated with visits by distinguished speakers to UNL in special cases when the opportunity arises after the application deadlines for the traditional Distinguished Lecturer, Visiting Scholar and Symposia programs has passed. Awards up to \$3,000 may be issued.