



Request for Applications
Research Council: Visiting Scholar, Distinguished Lecturer and
Symposia

Applications must be routed and approved in NUgrant by 5:00pm on the 2nd Friday in October, and by 5:00 pm on the 2nd Friday in March of each year.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

- Applicants must be full-time (1.0 FTE) UNL tenured, tenure-leading or research faculty with a rank of assistant professor or above, a professor of practice, or senior lecturer on the payroll of UNL. If your UNL position falls into one of these categories then no other information is required from you to apply for Research Council funds.
- If an applicant's UNL position doesn't fall into one of the categories listed above, then they're considered an "other employee of the University" (e.g., Extension Educator, Lecturer, and Senior Research Associate) and will be eligible to apply for Research Council funds if the following can be documented:
 - Their University appointment includes research responsibilities;
 - They are eligible to be a Principal Investigator on a federally funded project in their role as a University employee;
 - They have a multi-year appointment with the University such that they will have an appointment during the period when the proposed project will be conducted, with the reasonable expectation of having this appointment should they apply for and receive a federal project;
 - There is evidence that they have a long-term commitment to the University;
 - Their supervising administrator writes a letter supporting their eligibility for Research Council funds.
- Faculty with part-time appointments, visiting and adjunct appointees are not eligible to apply for these funds.

REVIEW AND AWARD PROCESS:

- Applications are reviewed by the Research Council. The Research Council makes funding recommendations to ORED, which will make the final selection.
- The quality of the pool of proposals from year to year will vary. The scoring system will vary from year to year, so the overall scores from a given year should not be compared across years. The number of applications in a category will vary from year to year and thus change the context of the applicant pool and the percentage that can be funded.
- Announcement of awards is usually in December and May following the submission deadlines.
- The award period for the October deadline is January 1 to June 30 starting after the announcement has been made. The award period for the March deadline is July 1 to December 31 after the announcement has been made.
- After an award is received, if the Visiting Scholar(s) or Distinguished Lecturer(s) named in an application is not able to come to UNL (after trying to reschedule, etc.), a substitute scholar/lecturer MAY NOT come in their place. Awards for these categories are based on

the submitted CV of the scholar(s)/lecturer(s). If this situation should arise, the funds remaining in this account will be returned to the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Visiting Scholar

This program supports visiting scholars who 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 University 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 a two-day stay in Lincoln. No visitor may receive more than \$800 per application. 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.

Applications submitted for the October deadline need to be for visits scheduled during January – June of the following year. Applications submitted for the March deadline need to be for visits scheduled during July – December of the same year.

Distinguished Lecturer

The Research Council supports 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, research grants and contracts secured. The program must include at least one lecture that is open, free-of-charge and advertised to the entire University community. Funds may be used for travel and local expenses for featured speakers and/or honorarium.

Applicants are encouraged to use good judgment in requests for honorarium funds. Any exceptional expenses or honoraria must be strongly justified. Funding requests may not exceed \$3,000.

Applications submitted for the October deadline need to be for visits scheduled during January – June of the following year. Applications submitted for the March deadline need to be for visits scheduled during July – December of the same year.

Symposia

The Research Council supports outstanding invited scholars who will give symposia or colloquia that should be 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 University community. Funds may be used to pay for, but are not limited to these expenses for the scholar/symposia: travel and/or local expenses, and honorarium. Applicants

are encouraged to use good judgment in requests for honorarium funds. 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. Total requested funds from the Research Council may not exceed \$3,000.

Applications submitted for the October deadline need to be for symposia or colloquia events scheduled for January – June of the following year. Applications submitted for the March deadline need to be for symposia or colloquia events scheduled for July – December of the same year.

If you have questions about the submission process, please contact Mari Greer in the Office of Research and Economic Development at (402) 472-2851 or by e-mail at mgreer1@unl.edu.