The Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts provides competitive awards designed to encourage and enhance the research, scholarly, and creative activities of College faculty. The Faculty Research/Creative Activity Grants support innovative research and creative activities.

Eligibility

Applicant must hold a paid appointment in the College with the rank of Senior Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor of Practice, Research Assistant Professor or above. Visiting, adjunct, and emeriti faculty, and those holding other lecturer ranks are ineligible.

Program Guidelines

The Faculty Research/Creative Activity Grant program supports projects that promote a faculty member’s research program or creative activity, and may or may not enhance the prospects for obtaining outside support. However, recipients of Faculty Research/Creative Activity Grants are encouraged to submit a proposal for outside funding. Grant funds are available to eligible faculty and can be used for any aspect of a project deemed necessary by the applicant, other than salary for the applicant. These may include, but are not limited to, equipment, travel, and stipends for research assistants, fees for permission to publish, as well as subventions to support publication. Awards will be made up to $7,500.

Funding period and deadline

The funding period is March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. Applications for Faculty Research/Creative Activity Grants must be submitted through the NUGrant (nugrant.unl.edu) Internal Competitions module by 5:00 pm Tuesday, January 19, 2016. There is only one deadline per academic year. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Application procedure

The application (one grant proposal per faculty member per funding period) must include:

1. Faculty Grant application (including budget) on NUGrant. If you need more space to describe or clarify expenses, please add this information to the three-page description described in No. 2. This budget information will not count towards the three-page maximum.

2. Three-page (maximum, not including budget clarification described in No. 1) description of the proposed activity, addressing what will be done, how it will enhance your research/creative activity, time lines, expected outcomes, and future research and creative work expected to result from the proposed activity. This description should be very clear as to whether this activity is a stand-alone initiative or part of a larger or more extended undertaking for which additional funding support will be needed, and what particular aspects of this activity the requested funding is intended to support. Applicants should also be clear as to whether or not they can complete the activity if they only receive a portion of the requested funding. Applicants must also document productive use of prior support received from the College and any relationship to the proposed activity. If the proposed activity is similar to that which was previously funded through a Hixson-
Lied Faculty Research/Creative Activity Grant, thoroughly explain how and to what extent the proposed activity demonstrates professional growth. This description must be a Word document file uploaded to the NUGrant application form.

3. Two-page (maximum) curriculum vitae, including all significant creative or scholarly activity for the last 5 years as well as current and pending grants for the last 5 years. The CV must be a Word document file uploaded to the NUGrant application form.

**Application Assessment Criteria**

- Significance of proposed activity and how it enhances the applicant’s long-term scholarly/creative activity agenda.
- The quality of expected outcome.
- Record of scholarship and/or creative activity, and if applicable, success in acquiring outside competitive support and the productive use of prior support.
- Quality of the proposal, written in clear and convincing non-technical language.
- Clarity of the budget and budget justification.

**Selection Process**

The College Executive Committee, using the above criteria, determines which applications are to be funded and the level of funding.

All awards are contingent upon adherence to University policy governing off-campus activities.

**Final Report**

A one-page (minimum) final report is due to the Unit Chair/Director no later than 30 days after the completion of the project. If an individual does not file a final report within the specified time, no consideration will be given to any future HL applications by that individual until the overdue report has been received in the Dean's Office.

Questions? Contact Associate Dean Christopher Marks at cmarks2@unl.edu.