Faculty Research/Creative Grant – COVID-19 Rapid Response

Summer 2020

This competitive grant is intended to support unexpected alterations to research/creative activities of College faculty due to the impact of COVID-19.

**Application deadlines:** Each Friday by 5:00 p.m., May 15 through August 14, 2020

**Notification:** Applicants will be notified of awards within one week of application

**Funding period:** Activities must be completed by May 15, 2021

**Maximum funding amount:** $1,500 per application, while funding remains available

**Guidelines**

Applicant must hold a paid appointment in the College with the rank of Lecturer (0.5 or more FTE), Senior Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor of Practice, Research Assistant Professor or above. Visiting, adjunct, and emeriti faculty are ineligible.

Funding may be used for any type of activity related to the applicant’s research or creative plans. This may include travel (adhering to current university restrictions), development (e.g., online workshops, conferences, or seminars), presentations and performances, creation of new work, or research.

The activity must be a direct or indirect result of the coronavirus. For example, a cancelled conference presentation might open up the opportunity for a new line of research or creation of a new work; or, a new conference opportunity or online outlet for publication that may have emerged due to the coronavirus; or, possibly even a new creative work inspired by or in response to the coronavirus.

Only one application per activity may be submitted. There is a maximum of two awards per faculty member. Applications from faculty who have not yet received an award may be prioritized over applications from faculty who have.

**Application**

Applications are submitted via email to HL-Grants@unl.edu. Please note that we are not using NuRamp for this grant. Applicants are required to attach the following documents to the email:

1. Hixson-Lied Grant [Budget Worksheet](#) (Excel spreadsheet template, available for download at the college website)
2. Project description, a two-page maximum document (Word or pdf format) that provides:
   a. A description of the proposed activity
   b. A description of how the proposed activity relates to the applicant’s long-term scholarly/creative agenda
   c. A description of expected outcomes resulting from the proposed activity (e.g., publications, performances, exhibitions, recordings, presentations)
   d. A description of how the COVID-19 situation initiated or made possible this activity

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Documents exceeding maximum page lengths will not be considered.

**Review and notification**
Applications will be reviewed by the Associate Dean and a small panel of college faculty and evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Completeness, accuracy, and clarity of budget and project description
- Significance of proposed activity to the applicant’s long-term scholarly/creative agenda
- Impact of COVID-19 situation on applicant’s research/creative plans

Applicants will be notified of decisions on awards within 1 week of submission.

**Final report**
A final report is due no later than 30 days after the completion of the activity. Use the [final report template](#) from the HLCFPA website. Submit the report to [HL-Grants@unl.edu](mailto:HL-Grants@unl.edu) and to your School Director. No applications for future funding will be considered for any individual who has not completed an overdue report.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Associate Dean Christopher Marks at [cmarks2@unl.edu](mailto:cmarks2@unl.edu), 402-472-9339.