The Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts offers support through Faculty Presentation of Scholarly & Creative Activity Grants to qualified faculty members presenting research or creative activity of substantial quality off-campus. (Funding for the creation of professional work is awarded through the Hixson-Lied Faculty Research/Creative Activity Grants.) The Hixson-Lied Faculty Presentation of Scholarly and Creative Activity Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and are limited to applications that give clear indications that the activity will result in a significant contribution to the profession. Applications that meet minimum criteria may not be funded.

Eligibility

Applicants 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.

Funding periods and deadlines

- March 15, 2016 – July 14, 2016 (application deadline: January 15, 2016)
- July 15, 2016 – November 14, 2016 (application deadline: April 8, 2016)

NOTE: Faculty are limited to no more than two funded proposals per fiscal year:
- Granting period 1: July 15 – November 14, 2015
- Granting period 2: November 15, 2015 – March 14, 2016
- Granting period 3: March 15 – July 14, 2016

Application procedure

Applications are submitted through the Internal Competitions module on NUGrant (nugrant.unl.edu). The application (which includes the budget) must be completed and routing started before 5:00 PM on the day of the relevant deadline indicated above. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Application Assessment Criteria

- Clarity of Application and Budget Sheet—Non-technical language describing what is to be presented, exhibited, or performed; clear and detailed explanation of expenses and other sources of funding.
- Significance of the Activity and Relevance to Applicant’s Research/Creative Activity or Teaching—Can include any of the following: impact of activity on the applicant, the institution, and/or the profession; importance and relevance of activity to long-range research/creative activity goals and to overall contribution of the applicant; previous record of productive use of prior support received from College.
- NOTE: Applicants requesting funding for activity similar to that which was previously funded through this grant must clearly demonstrate how the repeated activities constitute professional growth.
- Scope of the Event—Significance of event, sponsoring organization, and audience within the field or discipline.
- Participation Selection Process—Level of competition for acceptance or exclusivity of invitation. (Juried,
invited, or contributed presentations only. Travel for the purposes of other faculty development will not be funded.)

- Significant research or creative activity during the past 5 years.
- Any funding decision will be based solely on the information provided in the application. The committee is instructed not to reference sources external to the application for clarification or explanation.

Selection Process

Step 1: The Faculty Research Travel Committee, using the above criteria, determines which applications are to be funded.

Step 2: The College Administrative Council determines the amount of funding for each application recommended by the Committee.

Final Report

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

All awards are contingent upon adherence to University policy governing off-campus activities. For additional information, contact Associate Dean Christopher Marks at cmarks2@unl.edu.