

Student Study Activity Grant

2021-22

This competitive grant provides partial support for student study activities in either the United States or in foreign countries. Funding is intended to help defray costs such as travel and lodging that are associated with such study, but not the tuition for the study.

Applications due: September 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m., for funding period 1
February 25, 2022, 5:00 p.m., for funding period 2

Funding periods: 1: January 1, 2022 – August 15, 2022
2: May 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Maximum funding amount: \$2,000

Guidelines

- **Eligibility:** Students must be enrolled on a full-time basis at the time of application and be making satisfactory progress toward a degree in one of the undergraduate or graduate degree programs offered in the College. Students who are pursuing multiple majors must have the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts as their home college to qualify for funding.
- **Student groups:** This grant is intended to support activities by individual students or *small* student groups where collaboration is critical to the success of the activity (e.g., a chamber music group). Groups of 5 or more may need to seek funding from another source. This grant is not intended to support standing groups or ensembles that are an ordinary part of an academic program.
- **Scope:** Funds may be used to support short-term study (several weeks) as well as long-term study (a semester, a summer, or a full year), but may not be used for tuition or course fees of any kind. Students must be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to their studies, as well as the relevance of this project to their academic and professional development. The proposed program of study must be a formal study program (i.e., study must be done at an established institution or program) related to the applicant's degree program at UNL.
- **Time frame:** Proposed study must be completed prior to graduation. Funds must be used before recipient graduates. Funding may not be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the grant is awarded. Funding may only be used for activities that fall within the funding period.
- **Off-campus activities:** All awards are contingent upon adherence to University policy governing off-campus activities.
- **Sponsor:** Students must be sponsored by a faculty member in their department/school.

Application

Applications are submitted through NuRamp (nuramp.nebraska.edu). After logging in, use the Internal Competitions module to create a new application by selecting “Add New IC Application”, and select the appropriate grant from the drop-down menu. Applicants are required to upload to the NuRamp application form the following documents:

1. Hixson-Lied Grant Budget Worksheet (Excel spreadsheet template, available for download at the college website) – **must be submitted in Excel format**
2. Project description, a three-page maximum document (Word or pdf format) that provides:
 - a. A description of the proposed course of study (include information about the sponsoring institution or organization)
 - b. A description of how the applicant was selected to participate in the program
 - c. A description of how the proposed activity relates to the applicant’s program of study and long-term artistic/scholarly goals
 - d. A statement on whether the activity will still be possible with partial funding
3. A brief biography and representative list of significant accomplishments, two pages maximum (Word or pdf)
4. A recommendation letter from the faculty sponsor that addresses the quality of the applicant’s work and scholarly/artistic accomplishments and supports the applicant’s statement as to the relevance of the program to the applicant’s program of study. This letter may be uploaded to NUGrant by the applicant or e-mailed directly to HL-Grants@unl.edu.

Applications and all supporting material must be submitted by the deadline above. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications containing documents that exceed maximum page lengths **will not be reviewed**.

Review and notification

Applications are reviewed by the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Advisory Boards and evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Completeness, accuracy, and clarity of budget and other accompanying documents
- Significance of proposed activity to the applicant’s program of study and long-term goals
- Level of competition or selectivity for acceptance to the program
- Strength of faculty letter(s) of recommendation

The Associate Dean makes awards based on the Advisory Board’s recommendations. Applicants will be notified of decisions on awards within approximately 6 weeks of the due date.

Final report

A final report is due no later than 30 days after the completion of the activity. Use the final report template provided with your award letter, or download it from the HLCFPA website. Submit the report

to 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, cmarks2@unl.edu, 402-472-9339.