

DESCRIPTION:

The *Faculty Grant Writing Initiative* is an effort to support external grant proposal development projects within the UND College of Arts & Sciences through *course releases*. In accordance with the College's Strategic Plan, a pool of funds has been set aside to provide faculty with release time for grant writing. Requests for course releases should be made in accordance with department or program policies and in close consultation with the department chair or program director. Faculty at all stages of their career are encouraged to apply. Collaborative grant writing efforts involving two or more Arts & Sciences faculty members will be considered. Successful applicants are required to submit an external grant proposal within nine months of the end of the course release. The grant period is the 2019-20 Academic Year, but the course release is for one semester only per investigator (i.e., either Fall 2019 or Spring 2020). The deadline to apply is **November 9, 2018** (see detailed timeline on Page 3). Applications must include a letter of support from the department chair or program director outlining a plan for covering the course release(s).

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Faculty members from any College of Arts & Sciences department or program can apply. Applications to fund two or more Arts & Sciences faculty members to work on the same external grant proposal are allowed, although applicants should keep in mind that the College of Arts & Sciences has limited funds to support this initiative. Collaborative proposals with UND faculty from other colleges or institutions are also allowed, although funding through this program will support course releases for College of Arts & Sciences faculty only.
2. Any full-time faculty (including those on special appointment) in any College of Arts & Sciences department or program may apply as long as research or creative activity is required under their UND contract and they will complete the proposed work while employed at UND.
3. More than one proposal can come out of a single department or program. In those cases, the department chair or program director must rank the proposals and explain his/her rankings in writing. Rankings are due by the deadline for proposal submission (see detailed timeline on Page 3). Chairs or directors cannot rank proposals in which they are an investigator. If needed, a tenured faculty member with no stake in any proposal may be appointed by the chair or director to rank departmental or program proposals.
4. An individual faculty member can be included as an investigator *in only one* submitted proposal.
5. While consideration will to be given to faculty who have previously received an award; priority may be given to faculty who have not.
6. Faculty who have previously received an award but have not submitted an external proposal are ineligible to receive a new award.
7. Proposals that fail to follow the guidelines outlined in this document will be denied.

APPLICATION PREPARATION:

1. Cover sheet: Project title, investigator name(s) and affiliation(s), faculty rank(s), and original copies of faculty and department chair or program director signature(s).
2. Proposal summary (2 pages maximum)
 - a. Summarize the proposed research. Explain the significance of the work. Keep in mind that your audiences are the members of the Resources & Infrastructure Committee and the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, who have expertise across a diverse set of disciplines.
 - b. Indicate what external funding agency or foundation is the target. If applicable, discuss the specific program within the agency that the proposal will go to. Include the submission deadline and ensure it falls within the deadlines listed in the detailed timeline on Page 3.
3. Abbreviated CV (2 pages per investigator maximum): The CV should include education, employment history, and most relevant citations (e.g., publications, presentations, performances, juried exhibitions).
4. Letter of support from the department chair or program director.

PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR AWARD SELECTION:

Members of the Resources and Infrastructure Committee within the College of Arts & Sciences will review and score proposals and make recommendations to the Dean, who will award funding.

Committee members will be asked to evaluate and rank applications according to the following criteria:

1. The promise of quality of the applicant's work;
2. The quality of the conception, organization, and description of the project; and
3. The likelihood that the project will result in external funding.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

1. All recipients of *Faculty Grant Writing Initiative* awards are required to submit an external grant proposal within nine months of the end of the course release.

TIMELINE AND CONTACTS:

Nov. 9, 2018: Proposals are due to the Arts & Sciences Dean's Office in MS Word or PDF format. Please submit to Carrie Jackson via email at carrie.jackson@UND.edu. **In the email subject line, please type "Grant Writing Fund."** Members of the Resources and Infrastructure Committee will review and score the proposals and make recommendations to the Dean. The final decisions on awards are made by the Dean.

Dec. 7, 2018: Awards are announced.

Aug. 16, 2019: Start of the award period. For questions about funds to cover course releases, contact Cheryl Schreiner at cheryl.schreiner@UND.edu or 777-4381.

May 15, 2020: End of the award period.

Sept. 30, 2020: Deadline to submit external proposal if the course release was in Fall 2019.

Feb. 15, 2021: Deadline to submit external proposal if the course release was in Spring 2020.

Please direct questions to Mark Hoffmann, Associate Dean for Research, College of Arts & Sciences, at 777-3669 or mark.hoffmann@UND.edu.