UCAT GRANTS FAQS

WHEN CAN I BEGIN THE UCAT GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS?

Because UCAT Committee membership and University policies change each year, the Committee must meet at the beginning of the academic year to revamp application procedures. We try to make applications available as soon as possible after September 1 of each academic year. We will announce on the UCAT home page when applications become available.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TO INCLUDE IN MY APPLICATION?

Each grant-specific page outlines the application procedures and requirements, as well as providing samples of previously successful applications. We encourage you to review these samples before applying.

WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Each type of UCAT grant has its own deadlines. Please refer to the calendar or to the grant-specific web pages for these individual deadlines.

WHO DECIDES ON UCAT GRANT APPLICATIONS?

Decisions are made by a vote of the UCAT Committee, which is made up of eight faculty members and one ex-officio non-voting member.

HOW IS THE DECISION MADE?

Each grant proposal, once completed, is read and evaluated by each of the voting committee members and discussed in the monthly meetings. A simple majority vote is required for the grant to be approved.

WHAT DOES A CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND?

Curriculum Development Grants can cover the costs incurred in developing a new course or in significantly altering an existing course. Curriculum Development Grants can also fund the cost of materials purchased for use in any course.

WHAT IS A DESIGNATED CONFERENCE GRANT?

Depending upon the year and the Committee's decision, a Designated Conference Grant can either be funding toward a national pedagogically-focused conference chosen by the Committee or a stipend offered to faculty attending a conference held on the UNO campus.
WHO CAN APPLY FOR SPEAKER GRANT FUNDS?

Any faculty member who brings a speaker to campus may apply for funding to cover the cost of the speaker as long as the speaker offers at least one session that is open to the entire UNO campus.

CAN I APPLY FOR A TRAVEL GRANT FOR ANY TYPE OF CONFERENCE OR RESEARCH?

Travel Grant funded by the UCAT Committee must be clearly focused on enhancing teaching practice. In some years grants have been awarded only for conferences of an overall pedagogical focus, while in other years conferences that offer pedagogical connections have been funded. Check with your college's UCAT Committee representative to find out what the current trend is with the Committee.

HOW DO I KNOW WHO MY COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE IS FOR THE UCAT COMMITTEE?

We post current committee members on our website and on the applications for grants.