

# OFFICE OF RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITY

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## WHO WE ARE

The Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) assists faculty in their efforts to obtain funding to support their research, engagement, and creative activities.

## WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

ORCA Sponsored Programs staff supports activities and provides resources to help you develop and promote your research, engagement, and creative activities including:

- ◆ Assist faculty, staff, and students in identifying potential external funding opportunities
- ◆ Support project directors in all stages of proposal development, including preparation of project budget and documents
- ◆ Review proposals prior to submission to ensure compliance with sponsor guidelines and University policies, government regulations, and state laws
- ◆ Approve and submit official proposals to external sponsors as authorized by the University
- ◆ Negotiate and accept awards from external sponsors on behalf of the University
- ◆ Provide support in the management of awards
- ◆ Provide research resources for funding research, compliance, and other resources related to research and creative activity

## RESEARCH COMPLIANCE

- ◆ Ensure compliance with IRB, IACUC, and/or IBC review boards
- ◆ Provide training for faculty and students in areas of research compliance
- ◆ Educates and provides guidance to researchers regarding Export Controls, Intellectual Property, and Responsible Conduct of Research

**MavGrants** is a secure, electronic research administration system developed for the Office of Research and Creative Activity to help UNO faculty, staff, and administrators manage research projects. MavGrants is a paperless proposal management system that:

- ◆ Facilitates the internal routing and approval process for submitting proposal applications
- ◆ Sends you automated notices and provides up-to-date information on your project status
- ◆ Stores faculty information for ease of use
- ◆ Increases the efficiency of review processes
- ◆ Provides for real-time reporting

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Additional resources on our website, which our office can help you access, include identifying funding opportunities, compliance updates, ways to share your research story, and more.

***See reverse for details regarding internal funding opportunities for UNO faculty and students***

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## INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## FOR FACULTY

## ◆ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY (UCRCA) FACULTY FULL PROPOSALS

The UCRCA makes funding recommendations to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity, supporting all areas of research and creative activity by pre- and post-tenured faculty at UNO. The UCRCA places special emphasis on seed grant funding for projects potentially leading to external funding and helping new faculty establish programs of research/creative activity.

**Maximum award: \$5,000.** *Faculty full proposals are due November 1st of the fall semester and February 1st of the following spring semester (pending availability of funds).* **Faculty minigrants** of up to \$1,000 are available, with *deadlines on the first working day of each month, October 2019 thru March 2020.*

## ◆ NEW RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This new program was developed through a collaboration with ORCA, Graduate Studies, and the University of Nebraska Central Administration to stimulate research activities at UNO. This program will provide research support to a faculty member to fund a doctoral graduate assistant. The goal is to increase research productivity and grant support, contributing to an overall growth in UNO's external funding. Two years of the assistantship will be covered 75% by ORCA while the remaining 25% must be provided by the College/Department as a cost-share. The faculty mentor and the supported student have deliverables expected that include fellowship and grant applications. Selections will be made by the Research Development Fund Evaluation and Oversight Committee, which includes members from each College. *Proposals from faculty are due November 15 and notifications will be made early in the Spring semester to allow a doctoral student to be recruited and hired by the next academic year.*

## FOR STUDENTS

## ◆ FUND FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARLY EXPERIENCES (FUSE)

FUSE grants support faculty-mentored, undergraduate student research and creative activity. Grants of up to \$2,500 per student are available to UNO undergraduate students who will be enrolled through fall semester 2020.

Please see the FUSE guidelines available on our website.

*The FUSE application opens on October 1, 2019.*

## ◆ GRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY (GRACA)

GRACA grants support faculty-mentored, graduate student research and creative activity. Grants of up to \$5,000 per student are available to UNO graduate students who will be enrolled through fall semester 2020. Please see the GRACA guidelines available on our website.

*The GRACA application opens on October 1, 2019.*

## ◆ UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY (UCRCA) STUDENT GRANTS

UCRCA also provides up to \$500 for student applicants. The Committee chair reviews proposals from **graduate** students for materials, research supplies, and other expenses related to student research and creative activity. UCRCA funds **undergraduate** students accepted to present or perform at professional meetings. *Student deadlines are the first working day of each month, October 2019 thru March 2020.*

## ◆ STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY FAIR

The Student Research and Creative Activity Fair provides a venue for undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students to showcase their research and creative activity as oral presentations, performances, exhibits, and posters. Students from all disciplines and departments are encouraged to participate. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual fair be held Friday, March 6, 2020, in the Criss Library.