WHO WE ARE
The Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) assists faculty in their efforts to obtain external 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 search, 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:

- Allows you to submit forms online
- Stores faculty information for ease of use in creating future forms
- Sends you automated notices and provides up-to-date information on your form status
- Streamlines and automates the routing process
- Increases the efficiency of review processes
- Provides for real-time reporting

See reverse for details regarding internal funding opportunities for UNO faculty and students
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 2018 thru March 2019.*

♦ ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Additional resources on our website, which our office can help you access, include the following:

- **Grant Forward** is a grant database where users can search for funding opportunities (federal-, state-, foundation- and institution-sponsored research) across all fields, including the sciences, humanities, and arts.

- **Foundation Directory Online** is a research tool to help nonprofits and individuals find the grantmakers most likely to fund their projects. FDO is only accessible from our office, and via Criss Library (coming soon).

- **SciVal** (faculty only) offers quick, easy access to the research performance of 8,500 research institutions and 220 nations worldwide. SciVal enables you to visualize research performance, benchmark relative to peers, develop collaborative partnerships and analyze research trends.

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 2019.

Please see the FUSE guidelines available on our website. *The FUSE application opens on October 1, 2018.*

♦ 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 2019. Please see the GRACA guidelines available on our website. *The GRACA application opens on October 1, 2018.*

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

UCRCA also provides up to $500 for student applicants. The Committee 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 2018 thru March 2019.*

♦ 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 11th annual fair be held Friday, March 1, 2019, in the Criss Library.