UCAT Grant Guidelines

Speaker Fund Grant

Overview

The University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT) oversees the application and review process for a number of faculty grants. Grants are intended to support work in improving instructional practice and student learning experiences in any UNO learning environment.

The $1,500 (maximum) grant may be used for speaker fees and event costs. Colleges are encouraged to invite preeminent speakers in their disciplines to interact with ALL UNO faculty.

Notes

- No paper copies of applications will be accepted.
- All applications MUST be reviewed by your UCAT college representative prior to final submission. A list of college representatives may be found on the Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) web site at facultysupport.unomaha.edu.
- Poorly described, incomplete, or unclear applications will be rejected.
- The rubric used to review your application is below. Please review before submitting your grant application.
- Faculty may not receive more than one award for this grant category for the academic year.
- Applicants will be informed of the funding decision following the UCAT committee meeting held after application deadline.
- All previous grant reports must be turned in prior to consideration of new grant applications.

Follow-Up Requirements

Grant recipients will

- Work with the Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) to create promotional materials (flyers, MavDaily articles, etc.) at least 45 days prior to the event.
- Provide a report to the UCAT Committee via NuRamp (formerly MavGrants) within 15 days of the event, outlining the following:
  - A summary of the presentation
  - A list of all attendees (names and departments)

UCAT THEMES

- Curriculum Development and Assessment
- Diversity
- Instructional Technology
- Interdisciplinary Integration
- Promoting Critical Thinking Pedagogy
- Student Mentoring, Advising, and Research
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| **Speaker Expertise**  | **5**  
  The application establishes this speaker is a leader in the field. Based on the resume/CV, the speaker has experiences and knowledge to speak on the topic. A clear instructional area or presentation topic for the speaker is presented.  
  **3**  
  The speaker is known in the field. There is some evidence of experiences and knowledge in the field on the resume/CV. A general instructional area or presentation topic is given, but not clearly described.  
  **1**  
  The prominence and record of the speaker is not substantiated by the resume/CV. The instructional area of presentation goal is not described. |
| **Advancing Teaching at UNO** | **5**  
  The application clearly details how the presentation will advance teaching at UNO, both within and outside of the College.  
  **3**  
  The potential for advancing teaching at UNO is presented, but not completely described or substantiated. The presentation may only be applicable within the specific College.  
  **1**  
  The application does not present how the presentation will improve teaching at UNO. |
| **Links to UCAT Themes** | **5**  
  The author clearly describes the links between the project and the UCAT themes.  
  **3**  
  The author somewhat describes the links between the project and the UCAT themes.  
  **1**  
  The author does not provide evident connection to the UCAT themes. |
| **Writing Mechanics**   | **5**  
  The application is well written with no typos or mechanical errors.  
  **3**  
  The application is fairly well written but contains some typos or mechanical errors.  
  **1**  
  Frequent mechanical errors and typos. |
| **Budget (No point value)** | Adequately justified and reasonable. Does not request more than the maximum amount. |