Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA)
Proposal Deadline: January 19, 2016

The Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) announces grant support for Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA).

GRACA grants support faculty-mentored UNO graduate student research and creative activity. Grants of up to $5,000 per student may be used to support student travel for data/information collection, project-related supplies and operational expenses, data collection and analysis, or a summer stipend. Funds may not be used for travel to present the results of the project at meetings, meeting expenses, publication charges, salary/release time for faculty, or indirect costs. Funds must be encumbered by February 28, 2017.

Eligibility is restricted to UNO graduate degree-seeking students who pay their tuition and fees through UNO. Students must be enrolled spring 2016 thru spring 2017 (with no plans to graduate before May 2017). Students are required to identify a UNO faculty mentor who must approve the submission of the GRACA proposal. The faculty mentor must be a member of the graduate faculty. A student may submit only one GRACA proposal per application deadline.

Proposal content: Students are expected to write their own GRACA proposals with input from their faculty mentor. Proposals must describe the scholarly project, its conceptual importance, and the product of the proposed work. Proposals must include a detailed timeline for the GRACA-funded activities. Proposals must cite literature or other information referenced in the proposal.

Proposals not meeting submission guidelines or poorly written proposals may be rejected without review. Applicants are advised to use available resources, such as the UNO Writing Center, to ensure that proposals meet the guidelines, are well written and are properly edited.

Compliance: Projects involving human subjects, vertebrate animals or biohazardous materials must have IRB, IACUC or IBC approval before funds are released. Applicants are encouraged to begin the IRB/IACUC/IBC process as soon as possible, either before or immediately after notification of award. The title of the IACUC/IRB/IBC protocol must be identical to the GRACA proposal title. All researchers must be listed on the application and protocol. Compliance approval must be received by June 30, 2016. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the GRACA award. It is the responsibility of the student researcher to begin the compliance process as soon as possible. Please visit the ORCA website for details: http://www.unomaha.edu/office-of-research-and-creative-activity/compliance-and-policies/index.php.

Anticipated funding: ORCA anticipates funding up to 40 GRACA projects.

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Proposal Content

The following information must be submitted as a single PDF document entitled with the student’s surname (graca2016_student surname.pdf):

1. Project Description: (3 page maximum, single spaced, 11 pt font minimum)
   This section, written by the student, must include:
   a. A description of the project, the product of the funded activity, its contribution to the student’s graduate studies, and its contribution to the field or conceptual importance;
   b. Activities, Process, or Methodology: A description of the activities or process to be undertaken. Describe how they will result in project completion. Acknowledge and address any potential pitfalls. If appropriate to the discipline, include a research methodology along with justification;
   c. A project timeline;
   d. A description of the roles of the student and faculty mentor in the project.

2. Budget Justification (1 page maximum):
   a. The budget justification must provide a detailed accounting and justification of all anticipated expenditures. Note: supplies and equipment purchased with a GRACA grant become property of the University, with the exception of purchases made using the stipend portion of the grant.

3. Citations/References (no page limit)

4. Letter of Mentor Support (1 page maximum, single-spaced, 11 pt font minimum):
   a. A letter of support, written by the GRACA project faculty mentor, should address the student’s preparation and the degree of collaboration, on the GRACA proposal, between the student and the mentor.
   b. If the GRACA project is a part of the mentor’s research or creative activity program, the mentor letter should explain how the proposed project fits into, but is distinguished from, this program.

Submission Instructions

The proposal submission deadline is January 19, 2016 – 11:59 PM (Central Time).

Visit the online application site (MavGrants): https://mavgrants.unomaha.edu/system/login, where students will submit their applications and upload their proposals.

The following steps will help students and mentors navigate the application site:

- Under Main Menu tab, find “Internal Competitions”
- Click on “Proposals and Awards”
- Click on “Create New Application”
- Select “GRACA” from the drop-down list of competitions
- Begin entering application information

Faculty mentors must complete their portion of the MavGrants routing process by 5:00 PM (Central Time) the first working day immediately following the deadline.

Review Process

Compliant proposals are evaluated by UNO graduate faculty review panels. Panel recommendations are forwarded to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity for final consideration.

Reporting Requirements

Students receiving awards are required to present the results of their research at the 2017 Student Research and Creative Activity Fair (RCAF).

Questions

Please direct questions to unoorca@unomaha.edu. Proposals are not to be submitted to this email address; any so submitted will not be considered for review.