

SUNY Cortland's Internal Grant Opportunities

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Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Introduction to Internal Grants
 - United University Professions (UUP) Grant Awards
 - Faculty Development Center (FDC) Grant Awards
 - Research and Sponsored Programs Office (RSPO) Grant Awards
- Seeking External Funding
- Resources Within RSPO for faculty
- Additional Training Opportunity
- Questions
- Close

Internal Funding Opportunities

United University Professions (UUP) Grants: *Individual Development Awards*

Designed to enhance teaching, research capabilities, and improve professional knowledge and skills

Sponsored by NYS UUP Joint Labor-Management Committee

Notes about this grant:

- Funding NOT available when UUP is out of contract
- Potential for retroactive awards (save your receipts for eligible, non-reimbursed activities)
- Details may change in the new contract - read the announcement carefully!

United University Professions (UUP) Grants: *Individual Development Awards*

2023-2024 will see two rounds of funding for two periods:

- Activities between April 1, 2023 - July 1, 2023 (retroactive) - you must have been employed by the college during this time
- Activities between July 2, 2023 - July 1, 2024

15% of funds allocated to part-time faculty, unless insufficient applications submitted

United University Professions (UUP) Grants: *Individual Development Awards*

Eligible Items for Support:

- Registration fees for conferences or workshops
- Travel and related expenses (includes lodging and meals)
- Tuition at the maximum allowable SUNY rate at the time of application (not textbooks or fees)
- Other activities (see next announcement)

Award ceiling: \$2,000 for up to two activities

United University Professions (UUP) Grants:

Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program

The program enhances employment opportunities for people who are preparing continuing (academic) or permanent appointments (professional).

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Notes about this grant:

- Funded leave program (one semester to one year)
- Program not currently available but is expected in new contract
- Details may change in the new contract; read the announcement carefully!

United University Professions (UUP) Grants:

Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program

Eligibility:

Full time, term employees eligible for continuing or permanent appointment AND have at least a one-term renewal or prior service credit.

Preference is given to under-represented individuals in their unit on the basis of protected class status

United University Professions (UUP) Grants:

Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program

Consideration will be given to areas of Scholarship and Mastery of Specialization including, but not limited to:

- Pure, applied and historical research
- Preparation of manuscripts or other materials for publication
- Invention or innovation in professional, scientific or technical areas
- Grant proposal development
- Internships and workshops specifically related to the employee's approved project or activity

United University Professions (UUP) Grants: *Calendar Year Employee Leave*

Designed to provide release time and salary for a replacement to assist eligible employees to participate in activities to develop their full professional potential and to prepare for advancement

Eligibility: Only twelve-month academic employees (i.e. librarians at SUNY Cortland) are eligible.

Contact daniel.harms@cortland.edu for more information

Faculty Development Center Grants: *Small Grant Program*

The Small Grant Program supports activities that tend to advance the mission of the university by:

- enriching the intellectual or cultural life
- promoting professional development of faculty
- providing special educational opportunities for students
- improving internal and/or external communication at the university
- enhancing the image of the university
- accommodating unique or unusual contingencies which fit nowhere else

Notes about this grant:

- Applicants are eligible to receive one small grant per fiscal year
- Grant applications that fulfill more than one criteria are given higher priority
- Successful applicants include a rationale/narrative for the proposed activity and detailed budget

Faculty Development Center Grants: *Small Grant Program*

Applications for funding are accepted once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester.

Small Grants Award Activity Dates*

- Fall applications: first day of the fall semester through December 31
- Spring applications: January 1 through June 20

**Activities outside of these dates are not eligible for awards*

Award ceiling: \$500

Next Award Deadline: February 15, 2024

Contact FDC Office Assistant [Betsy Barylski](#) for more information

Faculty Development Center Grants: *Teaching Innovation Grant*

Encourages the development and sharing of new instructional strategies among faculty

Eligibility: any **part-time or full-time faculty member** with at least one semester of service at SUNY Cortland who is scheduled to teach during the Summer of the application year, or in at least one of the two following semesters.

Proposals may be submitted for projects that focus on any type of course enhancement in an applicant's area of specialization.

Faculty Development Center Grants: *Teaching Innovation Grant*

Applications should be no longer than three pages, describe any previous experience in course innovation, and should answer the following questions:

- What is the problem to be addressed and why is it significant?
- What is the current instructional method and how will this proposal change it?
- What effects are expected from this change?
- How will the change be implemented?
- How can the effects of implementing this change be evaluated?

Faculty Development Center Grants: *Teaching Innovation Grant*

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of creativity, effective use of existing institutional resources, and the potential to improve educational efforts at SUNY Cortland

Award Stipend: \$500

Next Award Deadline: March 2024

Contact FDC Office Assistant [Betsy Barylski](#) for more information

Research and Sponsored Programs Grants: *Faculty Research Program (FRP)*

- Administered by the Research and Sponsored Programs Office (RSPO)
- Reviewed and selected by College Research Committee
- Three different categories
 - Arts & Humanities
 - Natural & Mathematical Sciences
 - Social Sciences
- **Award ceiling: \$3,000**
 - Competitive
 - # of awards dependent upon available funding

Research and Sponsored Programs Grants: *Faculty Research Program (FRP)*

Research is defined as a two-step inquiry that includes:

- The identification of a subject, problem or question related to a specific discipline or field of inquiry.
- An investigation of the identified subject, problem or question using methods appropriate to that discipline or field of inquiry.

Faculty Research Program Eligibility Quiz

- Do I have a clear research question? (Yes)
- Will the project potentially lead to external funding? (Yes)
- Is this a writing project? (No)
- Is my project primarily curriculum or course development? (No)

FRP Tips for Success

The following items should be clearly identifiable:

- Research question
- Research method: how will the question be measured and analyzed and how is success determined
- Enough detail to assess appropriateness of design, data collection, analysis, etc.
- Specify journals and/or conferences through which it is likely the work will be disseminated
- Description of “potential for future funding” should include identification of likely potential funders

FRP Budget Guidelines

\$3,000...

- Summer salary can be included as part of the budget
- Student salary: undergraduates \$14.90/hour; graduate students \$15.50/hour
- Fringe Benefits:
 - Faculty 14%; undergrad students 6%; graduate students 13%
- Other:
 - Other Professional Services
 - Travel (Per Diems)
 - Supplies and Materials
 - Other Misc.

****Consult with RSPO to review your budget prior to application submission****

FRP Important Dates

- Application scheduled to open 11/1/2023
- Applications due 1/31/2024
- Info Sessions:
 - Wednesday 11/15/2023 12-1pm Fireplace Lounge
 - Thursday 12/7/2023 4:30-5:30pm Exhibition Lounge

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program

The Undergraduate Research Council offers a limited number of Summer Research Fellowships each year (funded through endowed fellowships). These prestigious fellowships provide a stipend to permit students to conduct primary research or creative activities with faculty mentors. Proposals from all academic disciplines are welcomed.

The fellowships provide an opportunity for undergraduate students and their faculty mentors to engage in eight weeks of full-time scholarly activity during the summer. Each fellowship consists of a **\$4,000 student award** and a **\$2,000 faculty award** (funded by RSPO).

RSPO Resources and Services

The RSPO coordinates activities that seek outside funding to support research, scholarship and outreach projects; oversees the human subjects review process for both sponsored and non-sponsored projects (IRB); supports faculty development activities related to sponsored program efforts

- Institutional approval is required prior to submission of all applications for grants, contracts, subcontracts, cooperative agreements, and fellowships or other individual awards.
- Institutional approval must be obtained, prior to submission, when estimated budget figures are required in letters of intent, letters of inquiry and pre-proposal documents.
- Representative to SUNY Research Foundation

RSPO Resources and Services

- Assistance with proposal preparation
- Execution of award agreements
- Support for all grant compliance tasks
- Submission of grant proposals to funding agencies
- Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) account
- Please review information on our website (plus an overhaul to the website is forthcoming!)
- Institutional Review Board

RSPO Tips for Securing Grants

- Start Early
- Have a general proposal ready to go at all times
- Read the Funding Opportunity Announcements with an attention to detail
 - Styling (i.e., page limits, fonts)
 - Budget (e.g., sufficient for scope of work, IDC)
 - Write for understanding
 - Don't plan to overdeliver
 - Use provided rubrics to self-assess your proposal
- Plan to submit to a particular funding agency more than once
 - 10-20% funding rate
 - PUI vs. R1

RSPO Tips for Securing Grants

- Subawards are a great way to accomplish your research goals
 - Leverage relationships from your grad work or with connections at other institutions
- Have a colleague read through your proposal
- Well-defined research questions grounded in current literature
- Strong evaluation plans
- Benefits to field and longevity beyond funding
- Work with RSPO early and often
 - Proposals and institution approvals requested 10 days in advance of submission due date

Questions???

Thank You

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