

Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experiences (FUSE) Application Guidelines

Offered by the Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA)

Applications accepted beginning November 1, 2017

The Fund for Scholarly Experience program provides support to students seeking a faculty-mentored research opportunity. The program is open to all currently enrolled undergraduate students who pay student fees to UNO. The program offers a student stipend of up to \$2,000, along with funds for project-related supplies, expenses, and travel. If travel is required, the rationale for travel funding should be described in the budget justification. Please consult the University policies on travel to foreign countries - restrictions may apply. Total requests may not exceed \$2,500.

Program Requirements

Students must:

- Be currently enrolled and paying fees at UNO
- Identify an appropriate faculty mentor
- Propose a meritorious scholarly experience in conjunction with the mentor
- Present at the UNO Research and Creative Activity Fair

Mentors must submit a letter of mentor support, providing:

- An analysis of viability of the project objectives and methodology
- Verification of proposed budget needs and costs
- Description of the mentor support to be provided

NOTE: Faculty may not be listed as a mentor on more than four (4) FUSE projects

Compliance Requirements

Student projects that require compliance approval (projects involving human subjects, vertebrate animals, or biohazardous materials) must have IRB, IACUC, and/or IBC approval before funds are released.

The title of the IACUC/IRB/IBC protocol must be identical to the FUSE proposal title. Students' names must be listed on the protocol.

Proposal Content

Students are expected to write their own FUSE proposals, with input from their faculty mentor. Adhering to proposals will be screened for original work. Poorly written proposals may be rejected without review. Students are advised to allow plenty of time for preparation of proposal materials. University resources, including the UNO Writing Center <http://www.unomaha.edu/writingcenter>, are available.

Proposals should describe the scholarly project, the product of the proposed work, its contribution to the field or conceptual importance.

The following information must be written by the student and submitted as a single PDF document, _____, entitled with the student's surname (FUSE2018_student_surname.pdf):

1. Title of Project
2. Project Description (2 page maximum, single spaced, 11 pt font minimum)
This section should include:
 - A. Description of Project;
 - B. Activities, Process, or Methodology: A description of the activities or process to be undertaken. Describe how they will result in project completion. If appropriate to the discipline, include a research methodology along with justification;
 - C. Project Timeline: Illustrate a schedule of activities;
 - D. Student/Faculty Mentor Roles: A description of the roles of the student and faculty mentor in the project. This is separate from the faculty letter of mentor support;
 - E.

Program Process

Proposals will be accepted beginning each fall and reviewed on an ongoing basis by designated program faculty and staff, to ensure fulfillment of all program requirements. Those not meeting program requirements will be returned to the student/faculty mentor pair for the opportunity to revise and resubmit the proposals. Proposals will be accepted as long as funds are available