

## Professional Development Grant

The Graduate School supports graduate students in their research, scholarship, and development of professional skills through academic conferences and meetings, independent research, and field-specific or certification training. Such activities help build transferrable skills, highlight the outstanding academic work of our scholarly community, and ultimately support graduate student success. To assist students in these endeavors, when possible, the Graduate School offers the Professional Development Grant to provide financial support directly related to these activities.

### Award details

An individual student may receive **up to \$3500** per academic year. Funds will be transferred to the student's academic department or college for distribution to the student. All funds must be expended by the end of the current fiscal year (June 30). Funding may not be used to cover UNO tuition or associated fees.

### Types of support

- *Academic Conference/Meeting presentation:* Students must serve as the sole, first, or lead author/presenter or serve in a capacity whereby they are responsible for significant leadership for the overall session. Materials must be accepted by the conference/meeting at the time of the request. Funding may be used to cover registration and professional membership fees, presentation printing/production costs, and travel. All travel must be booked following UNO policies and procedures.
- *Academic Conference/Meeting attendance:* Students must attend a conference directly related to their current degree program and which supports their professional and career objectives. Funding may be used to cover registration and professional membership fees and travel. All travel must be booked following UNO policies and procedures.
- *Research support:* Students must engage in research wherein full financial support is not provided by their academic program, department, college, or grant. Funding may be used for materials, support stipend, and travel. All travel must be booked following UNO policies and procedures.

### Eligibility

- Students must be degree seeking, in good standing, and making satisfactory academic progress as determined by the graduate program.
- Students must be enrolled in at least 3 graduate credits in the term the funding event takes place. For support in the summer, students must be registered for at least 3 graduate credits in the fall term following the award.

### Request process

Requests are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year, subject to funding availability per term. Requests must be made **prior to the activity**. Students must submit requests through the online request form and will be notified of the decision within **7-10 UNO business days**. Information required in the form includes:

- Graduate Coordinator Approval
- Letter of Support from Major Professor
- Academic Conference/Meeting Information OR Research Project Summary
- Project/Presentation Description
- Budget of Estimated Expenses