Grant Title: INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANTS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: UNL, Office of Research & Economic Development.

Area of Research: To support new initiatives in interdisciplinary research, creative and scholarly activities to increase competitiveness of groups in applying for external funding and could also serve as ideas for future development for strategic initiatives.

Release and Expiration: N/A


Amount: $20,000+ for one year (may be competitively renewed for one additional year).

Length of Support: One year (may be competitively renewed for one additional year).

Eligible Applicants: Principal Investigator must be a UNL faculty member on a continuous appointment (tenure-leading or tenured with a rank of Assistant Professor or above), or a research (associate or assistant) professor or senior lecturer on the payroll of UNL. Other employees of the University (e.g., Extension Educators, Lecturers, Professors of Practice and Senior Research Associates) will be eligible to apply for Research Council funds only if they can document all of the following: (1) Their university appointment includes research responsibilities; (2) They are eligible to be a Principal Investigator on a federally funded project in their role as a university employee; (3) They have a multi-year appointment with the University such that they will have an appointment during the period when the proposed project will be conducted with the reasonable expectation of having an appointment should they apply for and receive a federal project; (4) There is evidence that they have a long term commitment to the University; (5) Their supervising administrator writes a letter supporting their eligibility for Research Council funds. Visiting and adjunct appointees ranks are excluded from being the Principal Investigator.

Summary: Awards will be for supporting new initiatives in interdisciplinary research, creative and scholarly activities to increase competitiveness of groups in applying for external funding and could also serve as ideas for future development for strategic initiatives. Preference will be given to those who have not received a Grant-In-Aid, Faculty Seed grant or an Interdisciplinary grant from the Research Council during the previous two years. Typically, awards do not exceed $20,000 for one year. However, in an effort to encourage ambitious proposals and truly multi-disciplinary initiatives, the Research Council is now accepting requests for larger amounts of funding. Awards may be renewed competitively for one additional year. Faculty salaries are not allowed in the budget. The proposal should clearly identify the new area to be explored and how the project employs collaborative strategies. The research should be a timely topic and the proposal should identify the potential sources of future external funding and the likelihood of obtaining such funding. Recipients are required to submit a proposal for competitive external funding within 12 months of the end of the Interdisciplinary Research Grant period. Beginning January 1, 2012, an individual will be limited to submitting only one application per funding cycle as Project Director (PD) to the following programs: Grants-In-Aid, Faculty Seed Grants, and Interdisciplinary Grants. However, the same individual may serve as a co-PD, collaborator, or team member on additional projects. This new guideline does not apply to Visiting Scholar applications.

Detailed Information: [http://research.unl.edu/council/interdis.shtml](http://research.unl.edu/council/interdis.shtml)  
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