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Congratulations to Capacity Grant Awardees!

We are pleased to announce the awardees for the Fall 2024 Capacity Building Grant (CBG) competition. The purpose of the program is to provide early phase funding for projects that need support to become more competitive for external funding. Projects this year were funded by the Office of the Provost, the College of Graduate, Research and Online Education (GROE), and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Grant amounts awarded are \$15,000 each.

Fifteen applications were received, and eight projects were selected through a peer review process. They include:

- **Clements, Alexa:** Earth & Environmental Sciences - *Comparing the Age and Chemical Signatures of Glacial Sediments and Speleothems from the Illinoian Glaciation.*
- **DeGroot, John:** GeoTREE - *A Pilot Project to develop Systematic Workflows for Semi-Automated Georeferencing of Historical Maps in Iowa.*
- **Lee, Daniel:** Chemistry & Biochemistry - *Design and Evaluation of Photoinduced Strained Alkyne Intermediaries.*
- **Louk, Annette:** Center for Teaching & Learning Mathematics - *Expanding the Reach of the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Teaching and Learning Mathematics to Support Iowa Districts and Mathematics Teachers.*
- **Morgan, Rachel:** Languages & Literatures - *Cedar Valley Youth Poet Laureate Program.*
- **Oleson, Vicki:** Center for Teaching & Learning Mathematics - *The Story of Orient-Macksburg: A Case Study for Building Success in Iowa's Rural Schools*
- **Peters, Justin:** Chemistry & Biochemistry - *Understanding the Potential Factors Contributing to DNA Softening Inside Cells*
- **Zigarovich, Jolene:** Languages & Literatures - *Victorian Necropolitics: Legislating the Dead Body and the Victorian Novel, 1847-1900.*

Congratulations to this year's recipients and a **thank you to all faculty and staff who took the time to prepare an application.** Your time and efforts are valued!

Opportunity to Share with Students! CALLING FUTURE RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS...



Please share with your students! I-RAISE (Iowa Research Administration Internship Student Experience) is a cross-institutional program designed to build a more robust regional research administration (RA) workforce for the future.

I-RAISE will prepare both undergraduate and graduate students from participating institutions for future RA careers through: (1) a classroom-based bootcamp; (2) a 10-week summer internship with an RA unit at ISU; and (3) 12-week fall and spring RA internships at each student's home institution.

Applications are due February 28th by 5 pm.

To learn more about eligibility, the application process, support, and expectations for I-RAISE interns enrolled at the University of Northern Iowa visit <https://rsp.uni.edu/i-raise>.

Reminder to Reconcile Accounts

Departments are reminded to reconcile accounts monthly. The process will help you to identify any charges that appeared on your account which belong in other places. This is especially important for those who recognize charges that may belong on a grant account. Finding these errors and correcting them is essential to ensure that all costs that can be applied to grants are charged on a timely basis.

Accounting Financial Summary Report - Coming soon!

The monthly Accounting Financial Summary reports that were formerly distributed to PIs prior to Workday will be available as a financial report in Workday in the near future. Thank you for your patience as we ensure an accurate and reliable report is available. In the meantime, you can always run a transaction detail report to view your grant expenses.

Scholarly Communications - Open Access

Rod Library recently announced ways to support researchers with the costs associated with publishing their Open Access work.

1. All hybrid and fully open access journals published by Oxford University Press - over [500 titles](#) - will waive Article Processing Charges (APCs) for UNI faculty and staff.

2. Probationary faculty can apply to have part of their APC fees - in any publication - covered by UNI.

Details about both of these programs can be found here: [Open Access Publishing](#) | [Rod Library](#).

Upcoming Training Opportunities

The [Spring Training Calendar](#) is available on the RSP Website. Upcoming trainings are noted below. All sessions are held via Zoom and require registration. Please contact rsp@uni.edu if you have any questions about the upcoming training sessions.

Topic	Date / Time	Info
Budgeting	Feb 19 / 1-2	Register
Preparing your IRB Application	Feb 12 / 10-11	Register
Intro to Grant Seeking	Feb 13 / 3-4	Register
Cost Share	Feb 5 / 1-2	Register
Cost Transfers	Feb 12 / 2-3	Register
Final Accounting	Feb 4 / 2-3	Register
Outgoing Subawards & Subcontracts	Mar 12 / 1-2	Register
Postaward Project Management	Feb 27 / 2-3	Register

Registration Open for 2025 Summer Grant Writing Workshop

A 4-session grant-writing seminar for UNI faculty and staff, this workshop offers sessions on various grant-writing topics. This year's workshop will feature a series of in-person events and includes a recorded presentation by guest speaker Michael Spires that will be presented to attendees. All 4 sessions of the 2025 Summer Grant Writing Workshop will take place in LIB 287 - Rod Library. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Around Campus

INSPIRE Conference

Submissions to the **INSPIRE Conference will be open February 21 - March 14, 2025**. The INSPIRE Student Research & Engagement Conference offers an opportunity for students to showcase the wide variety of experiential activities in which they participate inside and outside of the classroom.

Undergraduate and graduate students from any program across campus are welcome to participate and present projects focused on research, internship, volunteer or study abroad experiences, club activities and/or creative performances.

The next conference is Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8, 2025. [Click here for more information!](#)



Tallgrass Prairie Center Seminar Series

The Tallgrass Prairie Center's Restoration and Management Seminar series features UNI's own nationally recognized programs in plant materials, roadside management, and restoration ecology research. Check it out [here!!](#)

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