

Arts and Humanities Division Travel Awards

With the goal of promoting undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity in Arts and Humanities education, the Arts and Humanities Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) will offer financial support for faculty to present on the process and/or results of undergraduate research at regional or national Arts and/or Humanities conferences. The awards will be from \$600 and up to three will be awarded for presentations that have been accepted by February 10, 2015, to be presented (or which have been presented) in the fall of 2014 or spring of 2015 (by June 1, 2015). Award recipients will be expected to acknowledge the support of CUR in their talk or poster presentation. After the meeting, a brief (maximum 300-word) follow-up report and an expense report (not included in the 300 word limit) should be submitted to the A&H grants committee chair.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Full- or part-time faculty, staff, or administrators who have an accepted presentation or workshop at a disciplinary or interdisciplinary arts and humanities meeting may apply. Application for funding may be made prior to conference acceptance, but a letter stating the date of acceptance must be included with the application; any award offered will be contingent upon the acceptance of the proposal and the actual presentation at the indicated conference.
- Presenter must be an individual member of the CUR Arts and Humanities Division or an employee or graduate student at an institution that is a CUR institutional member.
- The applicant must attend in person the conference for which he or she has been funded.
- Any additional costs for attending the conference will be the responsibility of the awardee or his or her university.

Application materials:

- An electronic copy of the meeting abstract, including the title of the abstract, author, and institution. If the abstract is written in highly specialized terms or a language other than English, the applicant may also submit a brief (maximum 300 words) summary of the work written for an audience consisting of humanities and arts faculty from a wide range of disciplines. The abstract should clearly address specific aspects of the undergraduate research/creative production process of the study.
- Proof of acceptance to the regional or national meeting. If the proposal has been submitted but decisions have not yet been made by the reviewers, a provisional application may be submitted. In this case a letter clearly stating the expected conference acceptance/rejection date must be included.
- A list of itemized meeting expenses (travel, housing, and registration).
- An email confirmation of individual or institutional CUR membership.
- Reimbursement of travel expenses will require copies of receipts and confirmation of attendance/presentation at the meeting in accordance with the CUR travel reimbursement policy which will be provided to awardees.

Selection Criteria: The purpose of these awards is to promote the practice of undergraduate research in arts and humanities disciplines. Accordingly, awards will be made based on the integral role played by undergraduates in the research/creative process, the replicability or adaptability of the model or methods used to incorporate undergraduates into the research/creative process, and the educational impact for the student(s) of the research/creative experience. Incomplete applications, or applications that do not specifically and clearly address these criteria, will not be eligible.

Deadline: Travel Award recipients will be selected beginning with a consideration of the applications that have been submitted by February 15th.

Send Application Materials: by email to Dr. Sara E. Orel (orel@truman.edu)