

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCES ABROAD TRAVEL GRANT

Overview

The 2018-19 Graduate Research Experiences Abroad Travel Grant (GREAT Grant) is administered by UNT International. The GREAT Grant provides awards of up to \$4,500 to support graduate student research and/or creative activities abroad.

Program Description

The GREAT Grant supports international projects that advance the research/creative activities of UNT graduate students and enhance their global perspectives by providing a research experience outside of the U.S. GREAT Grant projects are for independent research/creative activities abroad and must align with the applicant's graduate studies and research. The project must include a minimum of four (4) continuous weeks abroad.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be UNT graduate students in good standing.
- Applicants must be enrolled full-time at UNT.
- Applicants must demonstrate how the project aligns with their graduate studies and research.
- Applicants must conduct independent research/creative activity abroad.
- Applicants who are participating in a UNT Study Abroad program, UNT Field Trip, any type of UNT group organized activity, conferences, exhibitions, performances, or similar activities are not eligible.

Application and Deadline

Applications must be submitted by **5 pm on March 4, 2019** at [GREAT Grant Application](#) and include the following application components:

- **Online Application**
 - The online application is available at: [GREAT Grant Application](#) or under Graduate Research Experiences Abroad Travel Grant at <https://international.unt.edu/content/grants-and-funding-opportunities>.
- **Project Description (upload document)**
 - An essay of up to 1,000 words that describes the project must be uploaded as part of the application. The project description must address the following:
 - Describe the project, specific goals, and anticipated outcomes
 - Describe how the project contributes to your educational and career goals
 - Provide a detailed and well-developed plan and timeline for the project
 - Describe any relevant experiences that have prepared you to undertake this project
- **Letter of Support from a UNT Faculty Mentor (upload document)**
 - A one-page signed letter by the applicant's UNT faculty mentor must be uploaded as part of the application. The letter of support must address the following:
 - Academic merits and feasibility of the proposed project
 - Relevance of the project to the applicant's graduate studies and research
 - Role of the faculty in providing academic oversight and support
- **Budget (upload document)**
 - A budget must be uploaded as part of the application. The budget must include the following:
 - Itemized budget with brief budget narrative
 - Supporting documentation (e.g. copy of the proposed airfare, accommodations, etc.)

- The GREAT Grant supports the following use of award funds:
 - o Roundtrip Airfare
 - o Accommodations
 - o Meals
 - o In-country transportation (regional airfare, taxis, buses, trains, etc.)
 - o UNT international travel insurance
 - o Other expenses, as approved by the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs

- The GREAT Grant cannot be used for the following expenses:
 - o Tuition and/or fees
 - o Equipment, supplies, and/or materials
 - o Salaries and/or wages for the recipient and/or project collaborators

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a UNT committee of faculty and/or staff using the following criteria:

- Demonstrated connection between the project and the student's graduate research and studies
- Contribution of the project to the overall educational career of the student
- Contribution of the project to the scholarly field
- Academic quality and feasibility of the project
- Demonstrated commitment to the project by the student and faculty mentor
- Demonstrated ability by the student to initiate and sustain research/creative activities
- Incorporation of a significant amount of time abroad (minimum of 4 continuous weeks)
- Completion of the project before graduation
- Personal interview with the review committee, as required

Award Information

The number of awards and award amounts are at the discretion of the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs. Up to five (5) awards are available. The amount per award is up to \$4,500.

Award Notification

Applicants will be notified via email if their proposal is selected for funding. Applicants selected for funding will receive an award notification letter with information about their award and distribution of funds.

Applicants must accept the award by returning a signed acceptance form to Amanda.White@unt.edu by the deadline stated in the award notification letter.

GREAT Grant recipients will be reimbursed for their airfare expenses prior to departure and will receive an advance to cover other expenses prior to departure.

Project Period

The 2018-19 GREAT Grant supports projects that will occur anytime between April to August 2019. The award funds must be applied before the end of this fiscal year. Awards will not carryforward into the next fiscal year. Awards cannot be retroactively applied to projects/travel that occurred prior to April 2019.

Additional Requirements

GREAT Grant recipients are required to enroll in UNT's international travel insurance and register their international travel at: <https://emergency.unt.edu/international-travel-registration>. GREAT Grant recipients must abide by regulations pertaining to research integrity and compliance as described at:

<https://research.unt.edu/faculty-resources/research-integrity-compliance>.

GREAT Grant recipients are required to submit a short report to Amanda.White@unt.edu by September 30, 2019. The report should be two (2) pages and include the project activities that occurred, the results of the project, and future projects/research planned as a result of the project.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Application Deadline: March 4, 2019
Award Decisions: March 15, 2019

Project Period: April to August 2019
Project Report Due: September 30, 2019

Contact Information

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