



College of Natural and
Health Sciences

Grant-Writing Incentivization Program (GRIP)

2024-2025 Call for Applications

The College of Natural and Health Sciences (NHS) announces the Grant-writing Incentivization Program (GRIP) to facilitate grant-writing efforts by NHS faculty. Supported through College incentive and indirect cost recovery funds generated by grants and contracts, GRIP awards provide selected NHS faculty with a one course reassignment during the academic year or additional compensation during the summer to facilitate the preparation of proposals for extramural support of major initiatives as well as an incentive to resubmit a declined proposal.

Purpose and Rationale

Lack of time is often cited as a barrier to the development of major grant-funded initiatives. GRIP awards will provide selected NHS faculty with dedicated time during the academic year to generate grant proposals for extramural support, incentivize the development of such proposals during the summer, or incentivize resubmission.

Funding Level

A total pool of approximately \$50,000 is being made available for 2024-2025 by the College. The program will support a combination of the following award types:

- New Submission
 - GRIP 3-credit course reassignment awards during an academic year (\$3,900 for adjunct pay) + \$1,000 for optional mentor
 - \$3,900 GRIP summer compensation awards + \$1,000 for optional mentor
- Resubmission
 - \$2,000 GRIP compensation awards during the academic year or summer to resubmit a grant previously reviewed by a funding agency + \$500 for optional mentor

- Team RFP -Designed for multiple faculty who are submitting new applications to the same RFP (e.g., NSF IUSE, NIH K Awards)
 - GRIP 3-credit course reassignment awards during an academic year (\$3,900 for adjunct pay) + \$1,500 for moderator (assuming more than 1 PI/team and split among PI/teams)
 - \$3,900 GRIP summer compensation awards + \$1,500 for moderator (assuming more than 1 PI/team and split among PI/teams)

Note: In all three award types above, for faculty who would like to submit an application with more than one PI or co-PI, please indicate in your application how you intend to split the course release units or the stipend.

Eligibility

All NHS instructional faculty members (tenured, tenure-track, and contract renewable), directors, and chairs whose appointment carries an explicit expectation for professional activity are eligible to apply for GRIP awards, except for individuals serving as deans and associate deans. Because of the competitive nature of the program and the limited funding pool that is available, eligible projects must constitute major initiatives and time-intensive efforts that will solicit at least \$100,000 in extramural support. No individual may receive more than one GRIP award in a given year. GRIP does not require the grant opportunity to produce indirect cost recovery funds; however, consideration may be given to a project's ability to generate funds that contribute to the sustainability of the GRIP program. The requested level of support must be commensurate with the project's effort; for example, a request for a course buyout of three credit hours must entail a level of effort commensurate with a typical three credit hour course.

Funding has also been allocated to provide mentor and moderator compensation for supporting PIs. The PI has the option of requesting a mentor, suggesting someone, or the Dean's office will assign a mentor. Untenured faculty and faculty new to grant applications are encouraged to work with a mentor/moderator. Mentors/moderators should have a history of successful extramural funding, ideally with the agency to which the PI is applying. Experienced grant writers may apply to be mentors/moderators independently.

Application Submission Deadline

Completed electronic applications must be sent to Kim Murza (kim.murza@unco.edu), with GRIP Application as the subject line, by the following deadlines.

- Spring semester 2025 buyout proposals – October 21, 2024
- Summer 2025 compensation and Fall semester 2025 buyout proposals – March 24 2025

Application Guidance and Review

Applications will be reviewed by the NHS Research, Scholarly Activity and Creative Works Advisory Board who will recommend funding to the Dean. Faculty interested in submitting new proposals who are unsure of funding opportunities should reach out to ORSP for guidance.

Application Format for PIs

Each application for GRIP monies must clearly outline the initiative for which funding is sought and the plan for generating and submitting the request(s) for extramural support. The following elements are to be included in a brief narrative of up to three pages of single spaced 12-point font:

- the type of GRIP award: New submission, resubmission, or Team RFP
- the grant funding concept
- the intellectual merit and broader impacts
- the alignment with the mission and priorities of NHS
- timeline for writing the proposal(s)
- the agency(ies) to which the proposal(s) will be submitted
- deadline for receipt of the proposal(s)
- projected amount of extramural funds to be sought
- cost-sharing requirements (if applicable)
- the relevant indirect cost recovery rate(s)
- preference on mentor (yes/no, suggestion/Dean's office assigned)
- any prior efforts to attract extramural support for the project, including funding source, amount of support requested, and outcome
- in all three award types above, for faculty who would like to submit an application with more than one PI or co-PI, please indicate in your application how you intend to split the course release units or the stipend.
- resubmission GRIP applications must also include the last reviewers' comments and a plan to address the reviewers' comments (not included in the 2-page limit).

Applicants must specify if they are willing to participate in a Team RFP opportunity but do not need to know whether other faculty plan to submit proposals to the same RFP. The RSCW Advisory Board will consider whether there is an opportunity for collaboration in proposal development and prioritize these proposals.

Please append to the narrative a two-page mini-CV that highlights RSCW activities, focusing on the last five years. If you are applying for NSF or NIH funding, we recommend using their format for two-page bios. Applications that do not meet these guidelines will **not** be considered.

Application Format for Mentors/Moderators

The following elements are to be included in a brief narrative of approximately one page of single spaced 12-point font:

- interest in mentoring a GRIP submission
- prior successes in extramural support

Please append to the narrative a research CV (two-page maximum).

Review Criteria

Review criteria include: the intellectual merit and broader impacts of the proposed effort; alignment with the mission and priorities of the college; and potential for success of the extramural funding request. Consideration may be given to the amount of extramural funds to be

sought, cost-sharing requirements, and, as noted above, the project's ability to generate funds that contribute to the sustainability of the GRIP program.

Expectations and Deliverables

Because this program seeks to facilitate the generation of proposals for extramural support, it is essential that GRIP awards yield their proposed outcomes, that is, one or more submitted grant proposals. Recipients of GRIP funding will be expected to submit, by the end of the regular academic semester after that in which support was received, a brief report that describes the outcomes of the GRIP award. For example, the report deadline for GRIP support received for spring or summer 2024 is the end of the fall 2024 semester. Individuals who receive GRIP funding and who do not generate the proposal(s) that were the subject of their award within one academic semester after the report is due will be ineligible for future GRIP support and, in cases of awards involving course buyouts, may be subject to a compensatory workload reassignment in a future term. For example, if the report deadline for GRIP support is the end of the fall 2024 semester, the proposal must be submitted by the end of the Spring 2025 semester to maintain eligibility for future GRIP awards.