

# HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

The Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) serves UNO by helping faculty and students to:

- Secure and manage internal and external funding
- Acquire assistance for their research and creative activity
- Access professional development opportunities supportive of their research and creative goals
- Build collaborative teams and partnerships
- Promote their research and creative accomplishments.



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## OUR MISSION

We believe UNO is uniquely positioned to improve society through research, scholarship, and creative activities. Our purpose is to invest in these endeavors, help them flourish, and maximize their impact.

## WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

ORCA supports activities and provides resources to help you develop and promote your research and creative activities, including:

- Assist in identifying potential funding opportunities
- Support project directors in all stages of proposal development
- Negotiate and accept awards from external sponsors on behalf of the University
- Provide resources to help launch new research and creative initiatives.

### Research Compliance

ORCA works with faculty and students to ensure compliance in several areas including human subjects research, conflicts of interest, responsible conduct of research, export controls, research data security and research integrity. We help:

- Navigate the IRB, IACUC, and/or IBC review board process, when required
- Understand and properly manage conflicts of interest
- Provide guidance for researchers on export control regulations, data security, and intellectual property.



## Office of Sponsored Programs

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) services a focal point through which external support for research, scholarship, public service, and creative activities is institutionally promoted, reviewed and approved. OSP services include:

- Review proposals prior to submission to ensure compliance with sponsor guidelines and University policies, government regulations, and state laws
- Approve and submit official proposal to external sponsors as authorized by the University
- Authorize Grants Accounting to establish the grant/contract account providing access to awarded funds
- Negotiate and establish subrecipient agreements and assist in managing subawards
- Provide post-award, non-financial assistance in the management of awards
- Provide reports of proposal submissions and grant/contract awards.

### NuRamp

NuRamp is UNO's internal system for tracking and approving funding requests and subsequent awards. NuRamp also serves as a repository for records of all proposal submissions, agreements for funded projects, and other important documents throughout a sponsored project's lifecycle. All applications for external grants (as well as many internal grants) are required to be routed through NuRamp.



## FACULTY PROGRAMS

### University Committee on Research and Creative Activity (UCRCA) Faculty Grants

The purpose of these grants is to expand the capacity for research and creative activity at UNO by supporting the generation and dissemination of new knowledge or perspectives. Maximum award: \$10,000. There are fall- and spring-semester deadlines for full proposals annually.

Faculty minigrants of up to \$2,000 are also available, with deadlines on the first working day of each month, October through March.

### Work-Study Research and Creative Activity Program (WSRCA)

This program funds work-study eligible students to contribute to faculty members' research and/or creative activity. By supporting positions for work-study eligible students, the program provides underrepresented students with scholarly and/or creative experiences, mentorship from faculty, and access to professional development activities.

### Collaboration Initiative Grants

The Collaboration Initiative is an NU system-wide program designed to enhance the competitiveness of faculty for extramural funding. One- or two-year grants are available, from \$10,000 to \$150,000 total. Teams must include individuals from two or more NU campuses.