

2019-2020 Competitive Grants Program *AWARD RECIPIENTS*

Campus Recreation

Outdoor Recreation: Satellite Communication and Mapping

Total award: \$570

Award to purchase a Compact Satellite Communicator for student-led outdoor trips. Mapping technology will allow all outdoor trips to be mapped in advance and expand the program to offer additional experiences for students. The Compact Satellite Communicator will provide a line of communication and GPS safety for participants.

Submitted by Zachary Hammerle

Chemistry

Open Education Resources for Biochemistry

Total award: \$600

Cost to create an open access, online textbook available using Creative Commons licensing for CH450 and CH451 Biochemistry courses on campus. This project will reduce student financial burden by replacing the high-priced textbooks currently used for the courses.

Submitted by Dr. Patricia Flatt

Dance

Company Movimiento—Latinx Voices

Total award: \$1,000

Award to offset the cost of production of an evening of contemporary dance focused on themes of Latinx cultural identity and activism. The evening will feature WOU dance students and WOU dance alumni using dance as a tool for social justice. This project will provide pre-professional experience for dance students and prepare them for the current field of professional dance as performers, educators or choreographers.

Submitted by Cynthia Gutierrez Garner

Education

EA Conference Honorariums

Total award: \$1,000

Award to provide honorariums to 10 WOU students and alumni who present at the 2019 Regional Educational Assistant Conference hosted by WOU College of Education in August 2019 and provide promotional materials to attendees. All conference sessions will be led by WOU faculty, students and graduates.

Submitted by Rachel Harrington

Education

Q Loop at NWeLearn

Total award: \$1,000

Award to offset cost of taking four students to the 2019 NWeLearn professional development conference in Boise, Idaho, to present and to capture other WOU presentations. The opportunity meets the following goals: provide an opportunity for students to present their work to the larger academic community, allow for networking opportunities for students and the team as a whole, provide a professional opportunity for students to film on location, promote academic excellence for WOU students, and create visibility for Western Oregon University students and programs.

Submitted by Sandra Oja



Health and Exercise Science

Wolves in the Kitchen

Total award: \$1,000

Cost to host a series of cooking classes in conjunction with campus partners for students during the week of World Food Day to increase food literacy and nutrition knowledge. Each class will consist of a 90-minute session during which students will learn basic cooking skills in a hands-on cooking activity.

Submitted by Megan Patton-Lopez

History

Student Participation in Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference

Total award: \$1,000

Award to offset the cost of sending students to the 2020 Northwest Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference. The PAT conferences facilitate intellectual and social exchanges among students and faculty in order to promote research, to assist with publications, and to develop the professional discipline.

Submitted by Elizabeth M. Swedo

Psychology

Talmadge Middle School Mentoring Program

Total award: \$870

Cost of expenses for the WOU-Talmadge Middle School mentoring program for winter and spring term 2020. The WOU-Talmadge Mentoring Program is a collaborative service-learning effort between WOU undergraduate students, Psychological Sciences faculty Brooke Dolenc Nott, and students, families and faculty of Talmadge Middle School in Independence. WOU students will serve as mentors for middle school students who are experiencing personal, social and academic challenges. The program consistently receives positive feedback from all participants and is deemed a valuable support service.

Submitted by Brooke Dolenc Nott

STEM

Undergraduate Women in STEM

Total award: \$1,000

This project facilitates a community of student, faculty, staff and community women in STEM via student-centered activities and hosted seminar speakers. Activities focus on historical STEM women, strategies to overcome obstacles to success in STEM, career paths for women in STEM and dealing with discrimination/harassment in workplaces.

Submitted by Kristin Latham-Scott, Leanne Merrill and Breeann Flesch

Student Engagement

GSA Visit Day

Total award: \$1,000

Cost for Safe Zone and the Stonewall Center to organize a WOU visit experience for Oregon high school gay-straight alliance clubs in order to promote WOU as an inclusive campus for potential LGBTQ+ students. The event will be May 15, 2020 and will include a welcome session, campus tour, networking lunch, panel discussion and keynote speaker.

Submitted by Dana Schowalter



Student Engagement

New Student Week Prizes

Total award: \$1,000

Award to purchase prizes for New Student Week (NSW) activities. NSW welcomes the incoming class of WOU students each year and offers events focused on introducing them to WOU's culture, values and resources. This is done by large events and smaller educational sessions about different aspects of life at WOU. Prizes are used to incentivize students to attend educational events with the purpose of connecting students to resources and supports for facilitating their success at WOU.

Submitted by John Wilkins

Writing

WOU and Willamette Promise: College Success Preparation Partnership

Total award: \$500

Cost to bring 20-25 first-generation students of color to WOU's campus to participate in the Exploring Majors and Career Options and Interview 101 workshops in collaboration with Service Learning and Career Development. Students will also tour campus and attend a workshop on the STEM field in collaboration with the Women in STEM series. The goal is to expose students to the college environment and guide them towards an understanding of different career possibilities.

Submitted by Sylvia Fernandez and Fatima Chacon

12 grants awarded for a total of \$10,540

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The application deadline is in January with notification in May.