

**Western Oregon University Foundation**  
**2020-21 Competitive Grants Program**  
***AWARD RECIPIENTS***

**Education and Leadership**

**College of Education Bridge Program**

**Total award: \$995**

*Award to host an on-campus professional development session on different strategies to meet diverse student needs for about 75 WOU College of Education students and alumni. Alumni attendees will include teachers, administrators, case managers, counselors, substitutes and support staff who work with youth in grades PreK-12. The session will be held Nov. 13, 2020.*

Submitted by Alicia Wenzel

**Education and Leadership**

**Seabeck Academic Service Learning Project**

**Total award: \$1,000**

*Award to offset the cost of student participation in the Seabeck program. ASL-fluent students are trained to work as sighted-guide partners with the DeafBlind community and to volunteer during repeated experiences (more than 200 hours). The group meets weekly to prepare, and the trip culminates at the end of August in Seabeck, Wash.*

Submitted by CM Hall

**Education and Leadership**

**Student Participation in NAEYC Annual Conference**

**Total award: \$1,000**

*Award to offset the cost of sending WOU undergraduate and graduate students who major in early childhood education to the National Association for the Education of Young Children annual conference. The NAEYC annual conference is the largest early childhood conference in the world and will be held in Anaheim, Calif., in November.*

Submitted by Ya-Fang Cheng

**Education and Leadership**

**2020 Northwest Mathematics Conference – WOU Mixer**

**Total award: \$500**

*Award to host a reception at the 2020 Northwest Mathematics Conference in Portland in October. The conference is attended by about 1,500 teachers from around the Northwest and many attendees are WOU alums. The mixer will be an opportunity for current students to engage with professionals in their desired field and alumni to network with each other.*

Submitted by Rachel Harrington

**English Studies**

**Writing Student Retention and Recruitment**

**Total award: \$597**

*Award to host two events in conjunction with the Professional Writing Advisory Board. One event will allow students to obtain career feedback from greater Willamette Valley writing professionals. The second event will provide feedback to the writing track of the English Studies department on issues of curriculum and student job placement.*

Submitted by Lars Soderlund

## **FEM in STEM**

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**Total award: \$1,000**

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

Submitted by Kristin Latham-Scott

## **Gerontology**

### **Careers in Aging Week 2021**

**Total award: \$600**

*Careers in Aging Week is a nationally designated week that offers events in collaboration with the Gerontological Society of America, that the WOU Gerontology department is a member. Careers in Aging Week is an annual event in April. The proposed program would include multiple activities and events throughout the week. Funds will provide refreshments and miscellaneous needs for the program.*

Submitted by Margaret Manoogian, Mary Howells and Elijah Hatch

## **Health and Exercise Science**

### **Wolves in the Kitchen**

**Total award: \$850**

*Cost to host a series of cooking workshops in conjunction with campus partners for students to increase food literacy and nutrition knowledge. Students will improve their nutrition, food security, academic success and health through hands-on activities and food demonstrations. Twelve cooking workshops will be held during fall and winter terms.*

Submitted by Megan Patton-Lopez

## **Library**

### **Library Multilingual Signage and Materials**

**Total award: \$150**

*Award to purchase permanent signage in additional languages (Spanish and Mandarin) for library patrons in key areas of the library. Adding additional languages to signage will increase accessibility for library patrons and create a welcoming atmosphere for the largest demographics of students who speak English as a second language or non-native language.*

Submitted by Christopher Mansayon and Janeanne Rockwell-Kincanon

## **Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs**

### **WOLF Ride 2.0**

**Total award: \$607**

*Award to purchase an Apple iPad and pencil to use with the projected partnership with TapRide, an on-demand, ride hailing and dispatch mobile application. WOLF Ride users will be able to request rides within the app with more accurate information, vehicle transparency and data collection for administrators. By partnering with TapRide, WOLF Ride will provide students with a more efficient, accessible and modern ride experience.*

Submitted by Emmanuel Macias

## 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 2021. The WOU-Talmadge Mentoring Program is a collaborative service-learning effort between WOU undergraduate students, Psychological Sciences faculty, 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

## 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 encourage students to attend educational events with the purpose of connecting students to resources and supports for facilitating their success at WOU.*

Submitted by Megan Habermann

## Veteran Resource Center

### Chemeketa Woodburn Professional Development Day

**Total award: \$500**

*Award to cohost the 5th annual Professional Development Day at Chemeketa Community College in February. This two-day event will highlight more than 40 employers for all veterans and Chemeketa students. This event will increase visibility to potential transfer students and help maintain the collaborative efforts between the Veteran Resource Centers at WOU and Chemeketa.*

Submitted by Colin Haines

## Western Oregon Marching Wolves

### Western Oregon Marching Wolves New Equipment

**Total award: \$370**

*Award to purchase equipment for the Western Oregon Marching Wolves. Established in 2019, the Western Oregon Marching Wolves is a color guard welcoming all WOU students. The group believes anyone should be able to participate regardless of ability to pay for equipment.*

Submitted by Kayla Dow

### 14 grants equal \$10,039 awarded to WOU programs

The Competitive Grants program is funded by unrestricted gifts to the WOU Foundation.

The application deadline is in February with notification in May.