

Western Oregon University Foundation 2023-2024 Competitive Grants Program Award Recipients

Aquarium Science Program (Biology Department)

Get in the Swim with Aquarium Science: Opportunities for Aquarium Science students to build and host displays with associated outreach.

Total award: \$956.47

Award to support opportunities for Aquarium Science students to build and maintain aquatic displays and to plan and host a community outreach event centered on those displays.

Submitted by Erin Baumgartner

College of Education

COE Bridge Program Total award: \$1,000.00

Award to support a COE Bridge Program Event Oct 2023 that provides free professional development on a critical education topic (Supporting Social-Emotional Learning of Diverse Learners...and Self-Care Strategies for their Teachers) for our students in their year of the Teacher Preparation program, our MSEd students, and our COE Alumni in their first 5-years of their professions.

Submitted by Alicia Wenzel

Division of Education & Leadership

AAPI Heritage Month Celebration Event

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support an Asian, Asian American, Pacific Islanders Heritage month event in May of 2024. Funding will go toward booking a suitable speaker to address anti-Asian racism, celebrate AAPI heritage, and center AAPI joy.

Submitted by Lin Wu, Andrea Emerson, & Jaclyn Caires-Hurley

Division of Education & Leadership

Northwest Math Conference Travel Support

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support travel for WOU Mathematics Education majors to attend and present at the 2023 Northwest Mathematics Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Submitted by Rachel Harrington

Division of Education & Leadership

Highlighting the teacher education program through social media



Total award: \$1,000

Award to support social media project designed specifically for student recruitment and engagement.

Submitted by Micah Walker

Early Childhood Program

ECISI Keynote Speaker support

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support keynote speaker cost for the 2023 Early Childhood Inclusion Summer Institute.

Submitted by Cindy Ryan

Early Childhood Studies Faculty

Early Childhood Community College Visit Day

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support a community college visit day to WOU's Early Childhood Studies program for transfer students to see WOU, meet faculty, and experience campus in ways that make it feel possible for them to continue their education.

Submitted by Andrea Emerson

FEM in STEM

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Total award: \$1,000

Award to support the continuation of building a community of students, faculty, staff, and community members to support and celebrate our WOU STEM students of all underrepresented genders (fem+) through graduation and beyond.

Submitted by Breeann Flesch

Phi Alpha Theta and History Department

Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) Annual Northwest Regional Conference Total award: \$1,000

Award to support Academic Excellence among WOU undergraduates by supporting WOU students presenting original, undergraduate research papers at the annual, Northwest Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) Pacific Northwest Regional conference in April 2024.

Submitted by Elizabeth M. Swedo

Social Science Division / Communication Studies Department

Using Your Voice: Justice and Advocacy

Total award: \$1,000



Award to support a one-day seminar with workshops for WOU and prospective students to bring issues of interest and learn strategies to have their voices heard in their community.

Submitted by Mary Pettenger

Spanish Program

¡Una excursión a Western Oregon University!

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support collaborative activities and thought leveraging the Willamette Promise partnership and bring Spanish High School Teachers and Students from the Willamette Promise Program to visit WOU.

Submitted by Patricia Giménez-Eguíbar

Psychological Sciences

WOU-Talmadge Middle School Mentoring Program

Total award: \$850

Award to support the WOU-Talmadge Middle School Mentoring Program allowing us to provide social family events and small stipends for mentors to help motivate middle school students' success and family involvement that strengthen the mentoring relationship.

Submitted by Brooke Dolenc Nott

Early Childhood Program, DEL

Social Justice and Equity Workshops

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support hosting a series of Social Justice and Equity Workshops by the WOU Early Childhood Program for WOU students, faculty, and staff, potential students, education partners, and community practitioners.

Submitted by Ya-Fang Cheng

Art Department

Art & Design Frame Lending Library

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support the Art & Design Department to establish a Frame Lending Library for students exhibiting artwork both on and off campus.

Submitted by Paula Booth

Abby's House

Money for Meals Program Total award: \$1,000



Award to support the Money for Meals Program to give out Dining & WINCO gift cards to students in need of meals or groceries which is limited to once per term (gas vouchers/cards available).

Submitted by Maria Barrera

New Student & Family Programs

PACK Welcome Week Prizes

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support purchasing prizes as incentives for students to engage and attend PACK Welcome Week educational events along with quarterly orientation events for WOU's incoming non-traditional and transfer students.

Submitted by Shelby Worthing

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA)

National Student Exchange (NSE) Aid

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support two \$500 National Student Exchange (NSE) Aid for our outgoing students this fall 2023.

Submitted by Emmanuel Macias

Safe Zone

WOU Presents: Celebrate Your True Self, GSA Day 2024

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support "WOU Presents: Celebrate Your True Self, GSA Day 2024," an event which brings LGBTQIA+ high school students and allies from around the state of Oregon to WOU's campus to showcase our inclusive campus programming and encourage students to apply and enroll at WOU.

Submitted by Elizabeth Brookbank

Campus Recreation

Certification Grants Total award: \$1,000

Award to support Campus Recreation to support quality certified student staff to provide safe high-quality programs.

Submitted by Zach Hammerle

Sports Performance/Athletics

Sports Performance GPS Vests Total award: \$1,000



Award to support the purchase of GPS training vests to help support and train our student-athletes safely and accurately.

Submitted by Cori Metzgar

WouTV - University Computing Services

WOU Living History - Part 2 (1912-1971)

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support WOU Living History Part 2, which will tell the story of Western Oregon University's growth, change and historical development during the years 1911-1971.

Submitted by Deborah Rezell

21 grants awarded for a total of \$20,806.47

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

The application deadline is in April with notification in July.

