

Western Oregon University Foundation

2024-2025 Competitive Grants Program

Award Recipients

Athletics- Sports Performance

Sports Performance Trackers

Total award: \$1,000

Seeking a grant to pay for SPT GPS units. They greatly help to track our athletes' performance and recovery, helps keep them safe on the field during practice and training, and gives us valuable data so that come game day, they are primed and ready.

Submitted by Cori Metzgar

Campus Recreation

Certification Funding

Total award: \$1,000

This funding will go towards subsidizing student CPR certifications for new employees required to hold a certification in CPR-PRO from the American Red Cross.

Submitted by Zachary Hammerle

College of Education

COE Bridge Program

Total award: \$1,000

Requesting funding to support a COE Bridge Program Event Oct 2024 that provides free professional development on a critical education topic (Strategies to help teachers engage & manage PK-12 students & learning environments while supporting diverse needs). In addition to bringing in speakers, this event will provide snacks and beverages for the attendees.

Submitted by Alicia Wenzel

College of Education- Deaf Studies & Professional Studies

Seabeck DeafBlind Academic Service Learning

Total award: \$1,000

Requesting money to underwrite and offset the largess of what needs to be raised by students in 3 months to participate in a DeafBlind service-learning experience where students learn to volunteer as sighted guides in a tactile ASL and Protactile space.

Submitted by CM Hall

College of Education- Teacher Prep Student Support Services

ORELA Voucher Grant

Total award: \$1,000

TRIO Teacher Prep serves first generation future educators who often come from financially marginalized backgrounds, and this grant would allow us to alleviate or reduce the financial burden of paying for the ORELA test(s) for up to 20 students.

Submitted by Amber Logan

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Office

University Climate Survey (Howl for Change)

Total award: \$1,000

We are requesting funding to support the development and purchasing of merchandise to promote participation in "Howl for Change" - a university wide climate survey, to encourage current student and employee engagement with the survey.

Submitted by Dominique Vargas

Division of Education & Leadership

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Annual Celebration

Total award: \$1,000

We are requesting funds to support the 5th annual Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month event of the College of Education in May 2025. The \$1,000 funding will help book a nationally renowned keynote speaker to center AAPI history and celebrate AAPI heritage.

Submitted by Lin Wu, Andrea Emerson, Ya-Fang Cheng, Jaclyn Caires-Hurley, Mandy Olsen

Division of Education & Leadership

Highlighting Alumni of the WOU Educator Preparation Program Through Social Media

Total award: \$1,000

Grant funding to monitor social media account that highlights classes, students, and alumni of the teacher education preparation program.

Submitted by Micah Walker

Early Childhood Program, DEL

Social Justice & Equity Workshops

Total award: \$1,000

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

Submitted by Ya-Fang Cheng

English Department

ORTESOL Conference Attendance for WOU TEFL Students

Total award: \$910

The Grant money would provide funds for 5 students in WOU's TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) program to attend the ORTESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Fall conference by paying for their annual membership, conference registration, transportation, and lunch on the day of the event.

Submitted by Robert Troyer

Gerontology Department, WOU Gerontology Student Association, Kappa Eta Omega Gerontology Honor Society Chapter

Careers in Aging Week (CIAW)

Total award: \$633

We plan to present a multi-faceted array of events for March 3rd-7th (during Week 9 of Winter term) to celebrate Careers in Aging Month, which is a nationally designated month in March established by the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) of which the WOU Gerontology Department is a member.

Submitted by Melissa Cannon

Multicultural Student Services & Programs

Student Success Initiative Sessions

Total award: \$1,000

Award will support SSI Sessions, that are targeting first generation, low income and/or underrepresented students, which will provide an opportunity for students to access direct resources and obtain support in a variety of areas that include financial review/support, Holds review and removal, class registration assistance, Academic Plan Reviews, as well as allow us the ability to offer food as an incentive and solution to food insecurity among this student population.

Submitted by Anna Hernandez-Hunter

Natural Sciences & Mathematics

FEM in STEM

Total award: \$1,000

Requesting funds to put on events to continue 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 Leanne Merrill

New Student & Family Programs

PACK Welcome Week Prizes

Total award: \$1,000

We are requesting \$1000 to purchase 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 Student Conduct

Promotion Items for the Office of Student Conduct

Total award: \$500

Our request seeks funding to procure promotional items essential for enhancing awareness and engagement with the Office of Student Conduct.

Submitted by Maria Bonifacio-Sample

Office of Student Conduct

Know the Code November

Total award: \$500

The Office of Student Conduct is requesting funding for “Know the Code November,” a series of programs, first hosted in 2023, that inform and educate students about the student conduct process and their responsibilities to the Western Oregon University community.

Submitted by Maria Bonifacio-Sample

Psychological Sciences

WOU-Talmadge Middle School Mentoring Program

Total award: \$870

We are requesting funds 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

Psychological Sciences, Behavioral Sciences Division

Technoference & Parent-Child Language Research Project

Total award: \$1,000

Requesting funding to support student travel and participation in the Western Psychological Association (WPA) research conference in May 2025

Submitted by Chehalis Strapp, Addie Floyd, Daisy Garibay, Haven Pickup, Ruth Simonsen

Student Engagement

Supplies for WUC Makerspace

Total award: \$500

Requesting funds to purchase supplies to stock the Makerspace in the WUC. Makerspaces are areas where students can be creative in different ways, build community, take a break and create a sense of belonging.

Submitted by Chelsea Blatner

TRIO Student Enrichment Program

TRIO-SEP First Generation Student Initiatives

Total award: \$1,000

Award to support first generation student initiatives that will aid in WOU, a college with a 47% first gen population, entering First Scholars Network, a national recognition through the Center for First Generation Student Success; meant to expand the network of resources universities have to support first generation students.

Submitted by Dana Nunez Silva

VP Student Affairs

National Student Exchange- Application Support

Total award: \$1,000

Requesting funding to pay for the NSE application fee for up to 5 students (\$206 per student). This funding will continue to make sure NSE is as accessible as possible by removing barriers for students who would otherwise not be able to participate in the program due to the up-front application cost.

Submitted by Cameron Mortensen

WOU Alpha Iota Xi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta & the History Department

Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society) Annual Northwest Regional Conference

Total award: \$1,000

The purpose of this grant request is to foster Student Success among WOU undergraduates by expanding financial support for WOU students presenting original, undergraduate research papers at the annual, Northwest Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) Pacific Northwest Regional conference in April 2025.

Submitted by Elizabeth Swedo

22 grants were awarded for a total of \$19,913.

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

The application deadline is in April with notification in July.