



Advance Grant: Faculty Grant

Goal:

The goal of the Advance Faculty Grant is to reward and support faculty that design programs increasing the number of undergraduate students involved in Advance Student Research Experience (SRE) Pathways of distinction or Advance SRE Pathways of excellence. UL Lafayette defines an SRE as *a sustained effort by a student to apply subject knowledge, skills, and abilities to a project that is valued by the discipline*. Advance SRE pathways track and assess a student's course work, and co-curricular work. The activities included in an ASRE Pathway are designed by the respective departments participating in Advance Student Research Experiences Program. Advance Faculty Grants promote excellence and innovation in the areas of student research, global engagement, creative presentation, or scholarly expression. This grant differs from the Advance Course Improvement Grants and the Advance Equipment grants by focusing on innovation. It is the most flexible grant for funding allowances. *Funding for direct compensation of faculty has not been competitive in the recent past*. However, these funds can pay for faculty expenses that are not covered by other resources (e.g., this funding could be used to pay for faculty training and development).

The Student Center for Research, Creativity, and Scholarship (SCRCs) and the University's Louisiana Council for Excellence in Undergraduate Research (LaCOEUR) that is composed of representatives from each college, administer the ADVANCE Faculty Grants. A group of faculties including LaCOEUR members will review each grant and choose recipients.

Scope:

Student Research Experiences (SREs), course-embedded or directly mentored, encompass original creative and scholarly activities in every discipline. Advance includes the goal of impacting as many students as possible, and the scope of this grant encourages impacting students in new and innovative ways. There are many opportunities for student engagement through SREs, from creative performance projects to innovative lab research. All Advance grant programs seek to support students as they acquire, articulate, demonstrate, and disseminate their work to the UL Lafayette community and beyond. Interdisciplinary projects are allowed and encouraged.

Eligibility:

All UL Lafayette faculty members (including instructors) and research active staff (such as research scientists and library staff) are eligible to apply and serve as the principal investigator (PI) for an Advance Faculty Grant. All Advance grant programs require at least one qualified faculty or staff member to be directly engaged in teaching or mentoring one or more undergraduate students.

Twenty Advance Faculty Grants will be awarded in the 23/24 academic year. The awards can each fund up to \$5000.00. **Application must be approved by the Department head and Dean of the PI.** Students are not eligible to apply.

Application Process:

Proposals should be routed through the Department Chair to the Dean's office. Proposals with signatures of approval can be submitted to LaCOEUR and SCRCs via email (Advance@louisiana.edu). Applications for the 23/24 academic year are due **Friday, October 20, 2023**.

Selection Process:

The applications be reviewed by a committee of faculty and staff that includes LaCOEUR members. The final selection for awards will be made through a vote of this committee. Priority will be given to proposals that display quality and quantity impact on SREs and are innovative in design.

Successful proposals will directly impact students through the work described in the proposal. Those students should be engaged in higher-level cognitive activities, such as applying, analyzing, evaluating, or creating, as opposed to lower-level activities such as remembering and understanding. For example, it would be preferable if the students were involved in the design of the experiment, rather than simply being tasked with data collection.

Duration:

Advance Faculty Grants project periods of performance will be from the time of the award through the end of the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Use of Funds and Reporting:

Accounting -

Project funds should be used as described in the grant. All standard university purchasing, and approval processes policies apply. PIs must track all expenditures. Overspending of the account will render the PI ineligible for future RFPs, and the PI's department may be required to reimburse the University for the overage. A final report that details project expenditures is required, as described below.

Report and Deliverables -

At the end of the project period, all PIs who are awarded Advance Faculty Grants are required to submit a brief report describing the expenditures and the results of the project. PIs who do not submit the required final report along with the student's intellectual product within 30 days of the end of the project will not be eligible for consideration in future Advance Program RFPs.

Checklist / Instruction Sheet for PIs:

1. Complete the cover page.
2. Complete the basic information
3. Provide a Description of your proposal in 12 pt. font, single spaced, addressing the following points:
 - a. Purpose of the proposed work/plan/program
 - b. Projected impact on undergraduate students completing Student Research Experiences (SREs)
 - c. Person(s) responsible for
 - i. Implementation
 - ii. Installation
 - iii. Maintenance
 - iv. Operation
 - v. Training (with qualifications)
 - d. Include any additional information relevant to your application
4. Complete a Budget Proposal
5. Route the proposal through the Department Chair's office to the Dean's office



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Title

Name of Submitter
(Faculty or Staff Only)

Organization/College/Department

Department Head Signature

Dean's Signature

Basic Information page (required)

Date:

Title:

Project Lead (PI)

coPI(s)

Primary Contact

Email:

Phone:

Department

College

Center or Organization

Advance grants vary in their focus and purpose. The budget template will help PIs complete their budget; however, PIs should make sure the funds they are requesting match the spirit of the grant they are applying for. The categories included in this template may not apply in all Advance grant types.

Budget Proposal

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| 1. | Equipment/Software | \$ |
| 2. | Supplies/Furniture | \$ |
| 3. | Training/Development | \$ |
| 4. | Other | \$ |

TOTAL: