

Lead & Grow Grant

The purpose of the grant opportunity administered through Student Affairs is to support students in their experiential and professional endeavors outside of the classroom.

Values/Outcomes/Goals/Focus Areas

The following outline the values associated with the Lead & Grow Grant.

Community-What skills sets will you bring back to UC to contribute to the sense of community? What will you learn at this experience that will enhance the experience of your fellow students and improve the University? How will this prepare (make?) you a leader on campus?

Intellectual Growth/Learning How will this experience help you acquire new knowledge and understanding? How will this supplement/enhance your academic experience? How will you apply what you learn to your academics? How will this prepare you to be a leader in your academic field?

Professional Growth How will this help you develop skills to be competitive post-graduation, hone skills, support professional growth, marketable, career preparation, portfolio development. Leadership skills in your career?

Global Engagement How will this experience increase your international awareness, develop and ingrate knowledge and skills to live successfully in the world-wide community, understand and be successful throughout the ever-evolving modern-world. How will this prepare you to be a global leader?

Student Eligibility

- Current part-time or full-time registered student at UC Clifton's Campus at the time of application
- Must be participating in event that promotes the educational values and mission of the grant
- Cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
- Each year students can receive up to a maximum number of funds; students are eligible to continue to apply until they have received maximum funding or up to two awards per year from the committee

Notes: The grant is awarded based on the following criteria: availability of funds, length and costliness of experience, merit of proposal, timeliness of application, and contribution to the University of Cincinnati community.

Failure to complete a final report will cause a student to be ineligible to apply for future funds.

Eligibility for Funding

- Experiences that reflect Community, Intellectual Growth/Learning, Professional Growth, and Global Engagement.

- Opportunities that allow for exposure to highlight UC and/or bring knowledge back to the UC Community.
- Example Experiences can include but are not limited to:
 - Study Abroad
 - Professional Conferences
 - Research Opportunities
 - Certifications

Description of Funds Available:

- Each student is able to receive up to \$500 an academic year. The \$ amount is revisited each year based on total available funds from UC Student Affairs Offices. Students can request multiple times but not to exceed the maximum amount allotted per year.
- Funds are distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Apply early.
- Funding is available fall, spring, and summer as money is still available.
- *Note it is preferred that funds be used directly to purchase an item related to the experiences (i.e. flight, hotel costs, registration fees).

Items Not Funded:

- Food and beverages
- Alcohol
- Event Sponsorship
- Gas Mileage or gas reimbursement

After Event

- All itemized receipts must be turned in within 5 business days after the event to 455 Steger Student Life Center for reimbursement
- Online assessment form needs to be completed 14 business days after the program. Upon approval the survey link will be sent to you.
 - During your trip – posting to social media is encouraged using #UCSAProud and #LGUC

Timeline for Leadership Funding Grant

We are pleased that you are considering applying for the Student Affairs Leadership Funding Grant (LFG). Below you will find a timeline for completing the application process. We will not accept applications less than 3 weeks prior to event/conference. Applications submitted 6 weeks in advance will receive priority.

<i>Action</i>	<i>General timeframe</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Read the grant guidelines and related documentation	Before you begin writing the proposal	
Contact the LGUC chair to go over the process and requirements if you have any questions regarding the application process of eligibility.		

Gather all necessary material for grant application.	Complete before starting the application	
Provide the required conference/event itinerary and budget to accompany the form.		
If needed, arrange for letter of support from an advisor, faculty or staff member.		
Complete application via website	Proposals should be submitted no less than 6 weeks prior to event/conference.	
Committee Approval	The committee will approve or deny all requests within 1-2 weeks of submission.	
Departure Documents (Travel Authorization , Waiver)	If your trip involves travel, all necessary documents must be submitted to SALD 2 weeks before departure.	
Leadership Funding Grant Assessment	The LGUC assessment must be completed within 14 days of return.	

