



UNIVERSITY OF
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School of Music
and Dance

MUSIC GRADUATE STUDENT *EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES* FINANCIAL SUPPORT AWARDS

Were you invited to present research, compete in competitions, or participate in prestigious international, national, or regional events and require additional funding to make it happen?

Apply for this funding opportunity! Average awards: \$500

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a SOMD music graduate student and enrolled in courses at the time of application. Applicants must also be a current SOMD student at the time of the opportunity to be funded (or received the invitation/acceptance during a recent term of enrollment). Students do not need to register for summer term in order to be eligible for funding for summer events. Students are not eligible for funding of events that occur prior to the term of their matriculation.
2. Funds may be used for airfare, fares supporting alternative modes of transportation (e.g., mileage, taxis), registration, hotels, food, or other expenses related to the event.
3. Students may receive only one award per academic year, and awards are subject to fund availability.
4. Priority will be given to students who do not have significant funding from other sources and/or have not received SOMD "Exceptional Opportunities" funding in the past. Applications should be limited to peer reviewed, invited, and exceptional opportunities to present research, compete in competitions, or participate in prestigious international, national, or regional events. **Workshops, auditions, and job interviews are typically not funded.**
5. Preference for funding will be given with the following consideration:
 - i. Juried/peer-reviewed events (e.g., invitations to present at conferences, competitions, or workshops, festivals, or events where a composer's piece will be performed or a student will conduct)
 - ii. Prestige of event

How to Apply:

Prepare a brief proposal (no more than three pages) that includes the following information, and send the completed proposal in one document to gradmus@uoregon.edu (hard copies and forwarded emails will not be accepted):

1. Name, UO 95#, UO email address, current mailing address
2. A short CV (no more than one page)
3. Documentation of invitation/acceptance
4. Description of conference or competition for which you are requesting funding
5. Budget showing total expenses and any other source(s) of funding
6. Dates for use of funds
7. Name and contact information for one SOMD faculty reference

Submission Deadlines for 2023-2024:

November 1, 2023: for events occurring July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

February 1, 2024: for events occurring January 1, 2024 – April 2, 2024

May 1, 2024: for events occurring April 3, 2024 – June 30, 2024

Review Process:

Applicants will be notified of the Music Graduate Committee's decision no later than two weeks after the submission deadline. Awards will not necessarily fund the full travel amount; average awards are \$500.

Disbursement of Funds:

To receive award funds, students must send a copy of the SOMD Travel Award letter and travel expense receipts to somdaccounting@uoregon.edu for reimbursement up to the full award amount. Travel Award funds may not be collected before travel has occurred.