

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCES ABROAD TRAVEL GRANT (GREAT GRANT)

OVERVIEW

The 2022-2023 Graduate Research Experiences Abroad Travel Grant (GREAT Grant) is administered by International Affairs. The GREAT Grant provides awards of up to \$4,500 to support graduate student research abroad.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The GREAT Grant supports international projects that advance the research activities of UNT graduate students and enhance their global perspectives by providing a research experience outside of the U.S. GREAT Grant projects are for independent research abroad and must directly support the student's thesis/dissertation research. For 2022-23, the project must include a minimum of twenty-five (25) continuous days abroad.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be UNT graduate students in good standing.
- Applicants must be enrolled full-time at UNT at the time of application.
- Applicants must return to UNT and be enrolled full-time at UNT in the fall semester immediately after their GREAT Grant project concludes.
- Applicants must demonstrate how the project is necessary for and supports their thesis/dissertation research.
- Applicants must conduct independent research abroad.
- Applicants who are participating in a UNT Study Abroad program, UNT Field Trip, any type of UNT group organized activity, conferences, exhibitions, performances, or similar activities are not eligible.

APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted by **5 pm on January 25, 2023** at [GREAT Grant Application](#) and include the following application components:

- **Online Application**
 - The online application is available at: [GREAT Grant Application](#).
- **Project Statement (upload document)**
 - A statement of up to 1,000 words that describes the project must be uploaded as part of the online application. The project description must address the following:
 - Describe the project, specific goals, and anticipated outcomes
 - Describe how the project is necessary for and supports your thesis/dissertation research
 - Provide a detailed and well-developed plan and timeline for the project
 - Describe any relevant experiences that have prepared you to undertake this project
- **Letter of Approval (upload document)**
 - A one-page signed letter by the applicant's thesis/dissertation committee chair (UNT faculty member) must be uploaded as part of the application. The letter of approval must address the following:
 - Statement from the committee chair approving the proposed research
 - Statement from the committee chair about how the committee chair will provide academic oversight throughout the duration of the research project
 - Description of the applicant's academic merits and feasibility of the proposed project
 - Explanation of how the project is necessary for the applicant's thesis/dissertation research

- **Budget Information**

- Budget information must include the following:
 - Itemized budget
 - Budget narrative
 - Supporting budget documents to include a copy of your estimated airfare, estimated accommodations, etc. (upload documents)
- The GREAT Grant supports the following use of award funds:
 - Roundtrip Airfare
 - Accommodations
 - Meals
 - In-country transportation (in-country airfare, taxis, buses, trains, etc.)
 - UNT international travel insurance
 - Other expenses, as approved by the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs
- The GREAT Grant cannot be used for the following expenses:
 - Tuition and/or fees
 - Equipment, supplies, and/or materials
 - Salaries and/or wages for the recipient and/or project collaborators
 - Costs associated with COVID quarantine requirements in any country

- **Affiliation Email (if applicable) (upload document)**

- If your project involves an affiliation, then you must upload an email from an appropriate individuals at your affiliation. The affiliation letter should include the following:
 - Approval from the affiliation for you to collaborate with them on your project
 - Dates when you will collaborate with them
 - Confirmation that you will have access to the appropriate resources (e.g. university facilities, laboratories, archives, etc.) during the time when you will be in the project country.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed by a UNT committee of faculty and/or staff using the following criteria:

- Demonstrated connection between the project and the student's thesis/dissertation research
- Contribution of the project to the overall educational career of the student
- Contribution of the project to the scholarly field
- Academic quality and feasibility of the project
- Demonstrated commitment to the project by the student and committee chair
- Demonstrated ability by the student to initiate and sustain research
- Incorporation of a significant amount of time abroad (minimum of 25 continuous days)
- Personal interview with the review committee, if requested

AWARD INFORMATION

Limited funding is available in 2022-2023. The number of awards and award amounts are at the discretion of the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs. The maximum amount per award is up to \$4,500.

Applicants will be notified via email if their proposal is selected for funding. Applicants selected for funding will receive an award notification letter with information and conditions about their award and distribution of funds. Applicants must accept the award by returning a signed acceptance form to Amanda.White@unt.edu by the deadline stated in the award notification letter.

Awards, including the distribution of award funding, are contingent on applicants securing university approvals, including, but not limited to the following:

- Approval to travel to the country where the research will be conducted
- IRB approval if the research involves the use of human subjects
- IACUC approval if the research involves the use of live, vertebrate animals
- Export Control approval if the research will occur in an export control restricted country

International Affairs reserves the right to revoke funding at any time should the parameters of the project change, should the student no longer be able to undertake the project, should the student's committee chair no longer support the project/student's involvement in the project, should the country where the research will be conducted be deemed unsafe, and/or other reasons.

PROJECT PERIOD

The 2022-23 GREAT Grant supports projects that will occur between May 2023-August 10, 2023. All GREAT Grant expenses must be reconciled by August 10, 2023. Awards cannot be retroactively applied to projects/travel that previously occurred. The award will not carryforward into the next fiscal year. In the event the project cannot be started/completed during the project period due to the pandemic or any other circumstances, the project will not be extended, and the funds will not carryforward into the next fiscal year.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

GREAT Grant recipients are required to enroll in UNT's international travel insurance and register their international travel at: <https://emergency.unt.edu/international-travel-registration-revised>. GREAT Grant recipients must abide by regulations pertaining to research integrity and compliance as described at: <https://research.unt.edu/faculty-resources/research-integrity-compliance>.

GREAT Grant recipients are required to submit a short report to Amanda.White@unt.edu by August 10, 2023. The report should be two (2) pages and include the project activities that occurred, the results of the project, and future projects/research planned as a result of the project.

GREAT Grant recipients are required to present their research at an event organized by International Affairs during the fall/spring semester after their GREAT Grant project concludes.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Application Deadline: January 25, 2023
Award Decisions: February 2023
Project Period: May to August 10, 2023
Project Report Due: August 10, 2023

CONTACT INFORMATION

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