

Dean's Undergraduate Student Engagement Mini-grants (DUSEM)

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics is soliciting proposals to enhance undergraduate student engagement. The goal of the program is to improve academic outcomes by actively engaging groups of students in curricular or co-curricular engagement activities relevant to the students' overall academic goals. The maximum amount to be awarded to any single proposal is \$7,500. All NSM faculty (TT and NTT) are eligible to submit one proposal per year as the PI. The expectation is that multiple proposals will be funded each year, and proposal renewals will be considered. The expectation is that multiple proposals will be funded each year, and proposal renewals will be considered. Projects designed to maximize impact for a diverse population of students are preferred.

Duration and review of the proposals

The funding for this initiative is for one year or less. All proposals will be reviewed by the Dean's office to determine funding.

Submission Deadlines

Proposal Deadline: 5:00 pm; December 5, 2024.

Submission to Alex Gilles (agilles@central.uh.edu) in the Dean's office.

Format

Submissions must be formatted using a font size no smaller than 11-point type, single-spaced, with 1-inch margins.

Content

1. Cover Page: Including a Project title, Name of PI (and co-PIs if any), proposed project start/end dates, and requested budget amount.
2. Project Summary: Less than a 250-word summary of the proposed project.
3. Project Description (4 page maximum) should include all of the following:
 - A. Introduction/Background
 - B. General Description of the proposal, including a clear description of how it will engage groups of students in co-curricular activities that will improve academic outcomes.
 - C. Participants and recruitment approach.
 - D. Timeline for proposal
 - E. Process for the assessment/evaluation of proposal outcomes
 - F. Budget and budget justification (faculty salaries are not allowed).
 - G. For faculty that received a DUSEM grant in previous years. Please add a one-page appendix briefly describing how the grant dollars were spent and any measurable outcomes that were achieved.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Gilles (agilles@central.uh.edu).