



\$25,000 AVAILABLE FOR UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
Grant provides “seed money” for projects that address timely and important issues

The Alumnae of Northwestern University is soliciting faculty-sponsored proposals to bring distinguished scholars, speakers and artists to campus for lectures, master classes or performances in the 2021-2022 academic year. The primary goal is to enrich the intellectual and cultural learning experience of undergraduate students and/or the entire University community. Help us build interest in this grant by sharing this information and the **April 1, 2021, submission date** with appropriate directors of any offices, institutes or centers.

This year **\$25,000** of funding is available. **It may be awarded in its entirety to support one project, or awarded in smaller amounts to several worthy proposals.** Many past recipients have combined their grant award with other funding resources.

Recent Academic Enrichment Grant recipients include:

- The Center for Interdisciplinary Exploration & Research in Astrophysics’ (CIERA) Annual Public Lecture, featuring a prominent guest astronomer, scheduled for Reunion/Homecoming week October 2022;
- The Northwestern Prison Education Program’s “Transforming the Criminal Justice System” series of quarterly workshops, which will continue throughout the 2021-2022 academic year;
- A future Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts Mainstage season production of a popular Sondheim musical directed and choreographed by a guest director, who is an accomplished music theater director and Sondheim translator;
- The Bienen School of Music’s spring 2022 workshop, “Listening in Dark Times: Arendt, Aesthetics and Politics,” which will bring together an international group of scholars and artists from Northwestern and beyond for a series of events focused on the role of music, art and political judgment in resilient democracies in dialog with the political philosophy of the late German-born humanist thinker Hannah Arendt;

- The McCormick School of Engineering's spring 2022 "Northwestern Sustainability Lecture Series," a new Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering distinguished lecturer summit, will feature world-renowned experts on energy, climate, the environment and urban transformations. The daylong event will be repeated annually.

Application process:

The Academic Enrichment Committee of The Alumnae of Northwestern University manages the application and selection process. To apply, submit the completed

[Request for Funding Proposal Form](#) and provide a brief description of the project.

Faculty-sponsored proposals must include the following information:

- A project description, including a line-item budget;
- An estimate of the number of undergraduates who would be impacted by the project;
- An explanation of how the project would enrich undergraduate education;
- A statement indicating whether partial funding will be acceptable; if so, include a list of additional funding sources;
- A statement describing how this award from The Alumnae of Northwestern University would be acknowledged or publicized throughout the life of the project.

Proposals that are more than two pages, or that do not include all information requested above, will not be considered.

Funds will be processed through the University's accounting office; processing the grant shall conform to the University's policies and procedures. Northwestern chart string numbers for transferring funds must be provided. Please note that this grant is not subject to the University's development fee.

Expectations of grant recipients:

Grant recipients must submit a one-page final report to the Academic Enrichment Committee, with a copy to their dean or director, within six weeks of the event.

The report should describe:

- How the funds were used;
- How the recipient accomplished the goals of the grant;
- What impact the grant had on the recipient's program.

Recipients will provide evidence (including receipts) for utilized funds and return unused funding to The Alumnae of Northwestern University.

Recipients will be required to acknowledge funding from The Alumnae of Northwestern University's Academic Enrichment Grant in communications and promotion.

Grant funds must be used by August 31, 2022.

If the proposed event cannot be completed within the proposed time period, the grant recipient must receive prior approval from the Academic Enrichment Committee before proceeding.

Proposal Deadline:

Proposal submissions must be emailed to AlumnaeNorthwestern@gmail.com on or before **April 1, 2021**.

Proposals received after that date will not be considered.

All proposals will be acknowledged within 15 days of receipt. If you fail to receive notification, contact The Alumnae at AlumnaeNorthwestern@gmail.com. Recipients of Academic Enrichment grants will be **notified by June 1, 2021**.

For more information, contact one of the Academic Enrichment Committee Co-chairs:

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The Alumnae of Northwestern University

The Alumnae of Northwestern University is an all-volunteer organization of women who raise funds for a wide range of projects to benefit Northwestern University while sharing the University's academic resources with the community through its Continuing Education program. Founded in 1916, The Alumnae has given more than \$9 million to the University in the form of grants, fellowships, scholarships, summer internships and endowed professorships.

The Alumnae's Academic Enrichment Grant is funded by an endowment established in 1991 in honor of The Alumnae of Northwestern University's 75th Anniversary. For more information, visit The Alumnae website at www.nualumnae.org.