Critical Difference Professional Development Grant Application

Deadline April 1, 2024
Grant may be used July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Funds must be used towards professional development expenses, such as conferences and workshops, equipment, research activities, certifications, licensure exams, etc.

This grant is open to all employees who have been continuously employed at Ohio State for at least one year. Faculty and staff are eligible for grants up to $1500.

The award is also open to full-time students at the sophomore (second-year) level and above, including graduate and professional students. Students may be granted awards up to $1000. Students who will graduate in May 2024 are ineligible to apply.

**If you are seeking funding for an expense between Jan 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025, please wait and apply during the Fall Critical Difference Professional Development grant application period (due November 1, 2024).**

**NOTE:** Applicants must complete the process in one sitting; the application form will not save data for later submission. Before you apply, please have all your information ready, including:

- Years and amounts of previous Critical Difference scholarships or grants you've received (if applicable)
- Your fiscal officer's name and email address
- Essay on how the award will facilitate professional development, career mobility, or expansion of your professional network (250-500 words)
- Essay about your record of achievement or engagement that positively impacts gender equity (250-500 words)
- Detailed project budget
First Name

OSU email address

OSU ID Number (student ID# likely starts with 500)

Phone # (including area code)

College/Office (Department/Unit)

Are you:
- Faculty/Staff
- Graduate/Professional Student
- Undergraduate Student

Job Title
Number of years at Ohio State as a faculty or staff member

- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11+ years

Department/Office Fiscal Contact's Name

Fiscal Contact's OSU email address

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Students

If Are you: Graduate/Professional Student Is Selected
Or Are you: Undergraduate Student Is Selected

Academic information

- Rank
- Major
- GPA
- Are you a Financial Aid Recipient?
Q24
Are you a previous recipient of a Critical Difference grant for research or professional development? If so, list year(s) and amount(s).

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Reason for grant request -- choose all that apply

- Conference attendance only (not appearing on the program)
- Conference Presentation (participating by presenting a white paper, research paper, poster, panel, etc.)
- Research support (participant incentives, specimen, copyediting, indexing, etc.)
- Purchase materials or equipment
- Certification/Training/Workshops/Licensure
- Mentoring or Networking Activities
- Other:

Q28
Have you exhausted your professional development funds through other sources (department, HR Staff Career Development Grant, Graduate School, external grant, etc.)?

- Yes I have exhausted my professional development funds. I will explain below why I am applying for more
- No I do not have access to professional development funds
Q26
If you have already expended those funds for the year, please indicate below how you have used them and why more are needed.

Describe how you propose to use the funds, if awarded. How will the award enhance professional development, career mobility or your professional network? (Please limit response to 250-500 words)

Q24
Describe how your achievements or activities positively impact gender equity or women's advancement. You may refer to personal, professional or community endeavors. (Please limit response to 250-500 words)
Award recipients must be enrolled or employed by The Ohio State University for the entirety of the period of the award (July 1 - December 31, 2024). If the awardee leaves the university before the end of the period, any unspent funds must be returned to The Women's Place. Students who will graduate in May 2024 are ineligible to apply.

For any questions regarding this, please email The Women's Place at womensplace@osu.edu

☐ I agree to the above statement

End of Survey

We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.

Your response has been recorded.