

# Learning Beyond the Classroom

## Mini Grants Program and Application



*Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



The Office of Learning Beyond the Classroom (LBC) has limited funding available for faculty, staff, or students with creative ideas for providing valuable learning experiences outside of the classroom setting.

- Mini grants must promote the goals of the Office of Learning Beyond the Classroom. Most grants will be small sums of money that may be used to cover transportation costs, food expenses, and costs associated with supplies. Highest consideration will be given to applications for events that will help students satisfy their Learning Beyond the Classroom requirement and / or that demonstrate a commitment to reflection and an exploration of the personal impact of the learning experience on the participants. Mini grants can not be used for honorariums.
- Applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis by the Director of Learning Beyond the Classroom. Each proposal will be given careful consideration. Timely planning is essential for success; therefore, please submit applications well in advance of your proposed activity (one week minimum).
- The LBC Office recognizes that learning can occur anytime, anywhere and not just within the classroom. It encourages students to take an active role in shaping their educational experience. LBC activities should be structured so that participants will (1) consider what they will experience and learn (*briefing*), (2) have the actual experience, and (3) reflect upon, and connect the experience to their prior learning (*reflection*).
- Mini grant proposals should address all three of these components, while also addressing the linkage of theory to the actual hands-on experience (Staff members are available to assist students with facilitating the reflective component.)

### **Instructions:**

- Complete *all* parts of the application — incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Submit to the Office of Learning Beyond the Classroom.

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