

Economics Adventures

Funding for Your Favorite Adventures in the Field of Economics

Thanks to the generosity of Andrew Pike, a UNC graduate with a degree in Economics, we have established an “Economics Adventures Fund”. If you have an “Adventure” you would like to pursue, you can apply to the Economics Department for a small grant to help finance your adventure. The funds will be allocated through a competition: the only requirement is that you be able to explain the link between your adventure and the subject of Economics as taught in our courses.

What Qualifies as an Adventure? This is really just limited by your imagination. It could be a conference on economic topics that you’d like to attend, or travel to interview someone you’ve learned about in an Economics course. Perhaps you are writing a paper for an Econ class and want to do research at the Library of Congress. Be audacious! Applications to buy textbooks, pay school fees, internships and study abroad will not be considered as adventures.

How much can the Fund provide? The Fund will contribute up to **\$500** in financing your adventure. Larger requests will be considered, but will be given lower priority. We reserve the right to offer amounts smaller than requested when we have many excellent applications.

Who decides? The Chair of the Economics Department and the Director of Undergraduate Studies will sit down with the applications received and will fund a subset of those requests.

How to Apply? Please write a proposal describing your adventure and estimated budget. If you have email correspondence or other specific material that supports your adventure, it will strengthen your application. You should include your PID and a faculty name for reference. Please note that this grant is only for ECONOMICS majors. Please email the application to **econ_undergradprogram@unc.edu**. Applications are **due on September 16, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.** for the first cycle and on **October 14, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.** for the second cycle for Fall 2019. Please note that you will be expected to write a **five-page summary** about your adventure after you complete it.

How often can I apply? We will generally consider only one application per student at a time. If your request is not funded in the cycle you submit it, it will be rolled over for consideration in subsequent cycles of the academic year. We cannot fund all requests, but will give each application careful consideration. At the end of the academic year we will drop all unfunded applications, but you are welcome to apply again the following year if you wish. Those funded during the year are welcome to apply again in that academic year, but those who have not yet had their Adventure will be given priority.