



## THE FUND FOR Mary Washington Impact Grants

UMW's Office of Advancement and Alumni Engagement is excited to announce its [Fund for Mary Washington Impact Grants](#), a pilot program to provide funding for student, faculty, and staff initiatives. These donor-funded grants, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, are designed to support projects and initiatives that advance programs, lead to professional/academic growth, and/or exemplify the University's [ASPIRE values](#), including scholarship, inclusive excellence, and engagement through leadership and service.

The Fund for Mary Washington underpins every aspect of the UMW experience, helping students take leaps intellectually, socially, and personally. These grants expand the impact of donors' gifts to the Fund by sparking innovations and creating opportunities across campus and beyond.

### Who Can Apply

- Faculty and staff, with approval of department chair/unit director
- Student leaders on behalf of recognized student organizations, with approval of faculty/staff advisor

### Evaluation Criteria

The Alumni Association Board of Directors, with input from the Young Alumni Council, will evaluate proposals on their adherence to requirements outlined at [alumni.umw.edu/impactgrants](http://alumni.umw.edu/impactgrants), including clear demonstration of need and impact, measurability of objectives, and alignment with the themes of student support, professional/academic growth, program advancement, and/or UMW's [ASPIRE values](#).



### Proposal Components

- Short online application form at [alumni.umw.edu/impactgrants](http://alumni.umw.edu/impactgrants)
- Pitch video (1-3 minutes), passionately making the case for funding the initiative—a simple phone video is fine
- Slide deck (3 slides), clearly and succinctly outlining the need for, impact of, and budget for the initiative

### Award Amounts

Grants will range from \$500 to \$5,000, and applicants must request a specific amount in this range.

### Important Dates

**March 29, 2024:** Submission Deadline for Application Form, Slide Deck, and Pitch Video

**April 15, 2024:** Finalist Notification by Email

**April 20, 2024:** Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, Finalist Presentations, and Recipient Selections (applicants must be available to present in person if selected as finalists)

**May 2024-May 2025:** Implementation of Grant-Funded Project/Initiative

**May 2025:** Submission Deadline for Grant Outcomes/Budget Report

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