



## Promoting Research Opportunities Motivating Integrated Student Explorations Grants

### *PROMISE Grants*

(FUNDING SOURCE: 5% of recovered indirect costs from sponsored projects, anticipated launch 2018)

The purpose of the PROMISE grants is to encourage research, scholarly inquiry, and creative activity by Colorado Mesa University students. The program will be administered by the CMU Student Research Committee under the direction of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Academic Research (OSPAR). The goal of the PROMISE grants is to raise the profile of scholarly and creative activity at CMU, to expand opportunities for students in all academic disciplines to engage in original scholarship or exploration of creative expression, and to share their work with the CMU community. Academic Affairs, OSPAR and the soon to be developed CMU Student Research Committee are particularly interested in encouraging and supporting student-faculty and student-staff collaboration in the scholarly enterprise in addition to student initiated projects of inquiry and creativity.

Two categories of awards are available, Project Grants and Travel Grants. The CMU Student Research Committee accepts grant applications in the fall and spring semester. Awards are limited (in total) to \$1000.00/ student/year.

The priority deadline for proposal submissions in the Fall semester is the **first Monday in October annually (by 5:00pm)**.

The priority deadline for proposal submissions in the Spring semester is the **fourth Monday in January annually (by 5:00pm)**.

The application consists of two parts: 1) the [online application form](#), which can be found on this website, and 2) a written proposal, limited to 5 pages for project grants and 2 pages for travel grants. Written proposals should be submitted as a PDF attachment to Chair of the CMU Student Research Committee ([TBD@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:TBD@coloradomesa.edu)).

PROMISE Grants are intended to support student-originated and student-conducted activity, with faculty and/or staff serving as project mentors. It is not appropriate for mentors to submit proposals on behalf of student(s). Students must be enrolled at CMU during the grant award period. These awards are competitive and based on specific criteria (see below).

**Project Grants** - are available to fund consumable items and materials not already available at the University. Funding ***will not be awarded*** to cover the expenses associated with tuition, marketing, and/or certification fees.

**Travel Grants** - are available for conference registration, meals, airfare, mileage, lodging, or other appropriate travel related expenses.

Students awarded PROMISE Grants are required to present their work at the Student Showcase in the spring semester (other appropriate dissemination activities will be considered on a case-by-case basis). The Student Showcase highlights student scholarly and creative activity and provides an opportunity for students to enhance their presentation skills and prepare for professional meetings. It is also an opportunity for the University community to recognize student scholars and their mentors. In addition, students receiving funds, including travel awards, are required to submit a final report to the CMU Student Research Committee with completed copyright paperwork (if applicable).