

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I even eligible to apply for a Career Connection grant?

All OWU students are eligible to apply for the various Career Connection grants to support their internship experiences. However, alumni are unfortunately *not* eligible to apply for our grants.

What kinds of expenses can I use a grant for?

These grants are intended to close gaps between what you will make including any revenue you will receive through other funding sources, and your expenses. However, applying does not guarantee funding.

Expenses allowed through these grants include:

- rent/living expenses
- transportation costs (flights, gas, public transportation, Ubers, parking, etc.)
- professional clothing/uniforms
- groceries
- fees associated with your internship

Any expenses not directly related to your internship (ex: a gym membership) are not applicable. In addition, if you are splitting the costs of things like rent, Ubers, etc. please only include your portion in the budget.

When should I apply for the grant?

For the 2022-23 school year, we will review applications twice a semester. In the fall, they will be due on **Tuesday, September 27th** (for review before fall break) and **Tuesday, November 29th** (for review before winter break). In the spring, they will be due on **Wednesday, February 22nd** (for review before spring break) and **Wednesday, April 19th** (for review before summer break). Should you receive an offer after April 19th, you can still complete the application. However, we cannot guarantee the availability of funds. If the funds will be needed more urgently, please contact careers@owu.edu.

Can I apply for more than one grant?

Yes, you can apply for more than one grant. You must show any revenue/funds awarded through other grants in your budget.

Do I need an internship offer in order to apply for a grant?

Yes, you will need to show proof that you have received an offer from an employer when you fill out the application. However, you do not need to show proof that you have *accepted* their offer.

If I am selected to receive a grant, when will I receive the funds?

Check processing typically takes a week and a half, however, at times it may take longer.

What steps do I need to take to get the grant funds into my account?

All grant payments will go through NelNet which is OWU's payment processing system for students. Please make sure your NelNet is properly set up using their [FAQ](#) sheet.

Can I reapply for a grant even if I've already started my internship?

Yes, you will need to resubmit a budget showing an increased need. Send this budget directly to careers@owu.edu.

Can I receive grant funding even if I have holds on my accounts at OWU?

No. The university cannot release grant funds if you have a hold on your OWU account. Please work with financial aid to establish a payment plan or release the hold.

How do I create a budget for the application?

For your application, we ask that your budget include the estimated spending for the duration of your internship for any expenses *directly* related to your internship (see above questions for examples of what our grants will cover). Click [here](#) for a template (must open with OWU email) that you can make a copy of and fill in with your own information. The [first](#) sheet is the budget template for the grant application. The [second](#) sheet is a template for the budget and actual spending that will need to be submitted at the end of your internship *if* you are approved for a grant.