

UAS Fall 2026 Request for Proposals

UNAC CBA Faculty Development Awards

Funding Source: These professional development funds are made available through UNAC member dues and funding secured through collective bargaining.

Maximum Award: \$1500 per faculty member

FALL Application deadlines: September 30, 2026 | October 31, 2026 | November 30, 2026

Funding is limited. Awards made in earlier rounds will reduce the amount available in subsequent rounds.

All funded professional development activities must be completed by June 20, 2027.

Eligibility

This funding is available only to faculty in the United Academics bargaining unit. Faculty represented by the United Academics-Adjuncts bargaining unit are not eligible.

Important Funding Information

- Awards are **reimbursements to the faculty member's department for approved expenditures**; funds are not paid directly to the faculty member.
- Faculty should work with their department to make necessary travel and purchasing arrangements in accordance with university procedures.
- **Travel expenses are eligible for reimbursement only when a completed UA Travel Authorization (Concur) is in place.**
- Eligible expenses may include activities that have already occurred during the current fiscal year, beginning **July 1, 2026**.

Eligible Professional Development Activities

1. **Scholarly and professional conferences, workshops, and symposia** - Registration fees, travel expenses, or other costs incurred for the purpose of presenting papers or active participation in scholarly conferences, workshops, and symposiums.
2. **Professional development and training** - Registration fees, travel expenses, or other costs associated with active participation in webinars, workshops, or other training related to faculty professional development.
3. **Research and creative activity** - Travel expenses or other costs associated with the acquisition of and/or processing of data or samples.
4. **Eligible activities completed since July 1, 2026**, provided they otherwise meet the criteria above.

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Application Process

Faculty should complete the [Google Form](#) and attach:

- a **brief narrative** and **supervisory approval**.

The application should include the following:

1. **Faculty status and discipline** – entered directly in the Google Form.
2. **Description of the activity** – entered directly in the Google Form. If travel is involved, identify the location(s).
3. **Professional development benefit** – in the narrative, briefly explain how the activity will enhance your teaching, research/creative activity, and/or service.
4. **Budget and other funding** – in the narrative, provide a brief itemized expense budget and identify any other funding received or expected for the activity or travel.

Review and Selection

Proposals will be evaluated based on the degree to which the proposed professional development will enhance the faculty member's **teaching, service, and/or research/creative activity**.

While requests from faculty members of all ranks will be considered:

- Priority will be given to **junior faculty members**, particularly those who are pre-tenure.
- Additional priority will be given to proposals that address issues of **diversity, equity, and/or inclusion**.

The **Joint Labor Management Committee**, composed of the UAS UNAC Organization Vice President, UAS Faculty Senate President, and two members selected by the provost, will review applications following each deadline.

Award decisions are expected on or around the 15th day of the month following each application deadline.

Post-Award Requirements

Within **15 days after completing the approved activity**, award recipients must:

1. Submit a brief summary of the professional development experience to **Anita Parrish** at aaparrish@alaska.edu; and
2. Ensure that departmental staff have all required expense documentation needed to submit a **JV for reimbursement**.

Failure to complete required post-award reporting in a timely manner may jeopardize eligibility for future funding.