

BYU School of Music  
Experiential Learning Funding Program  
(last updated 1 November 2021)

2021 APPLICATION DEADLINES

Feb 5                      Mar 26                      May 14                      Sep 24                      Nov 12

POLICY EXCERPTS RELATED TO RESEARCH-BASED PROJECTS

1. All applications are submitted via online forms, the links to which are available from Marilyn Parks.
2. Applications may be received at any time, but decisions are generally made within a week of the application due dates.
3. Research-based projects (Experiential Learning Research) are **not** based on former ORCA guidelines.
  - For these projects, students complete the required application and secure the support of a faculty mentor. The committee will confirm that the faculty member is willing to serve as mentor for this project prior to the consideration of award.
  - The student must describe an anticipated outcome for the research (e.g., presentation at a state, regional, or national meeting, submission of an article to a journal, co-authored paper with faculty, juried or invited performance of creative work, etc.).
  - For research projects involving more than one student, each student must submit an application with matching project data.
4. The student must be a music major and in good standing academically.
5. Students who are graduating, transferring to another school, or permanently leaving the university for other reasons are ineligible to receive Experiential Learning Funds for projects occurring after their enrollment ends. Students should not delay their graduation in order to receive funding.

Students who are not enrolled in classes during spring and/or summer term and participate in funded Experiential Learning research experiences during that time must return as an enrolled music major for the following fall semester.
6. Students are expected to partially fund their proposed program. It is very rare for a program to be 100% funded through Experiential Learning funds. While there is no standard amount or percentage that students must contribute, a substantial financial commitment on the student's part can strengthen the overall application.
7. Students are required to write an official thank you letter before funding is released. Students also must provide a final report about their funded experience. Any student who does not submit the final report upon request will not be eligible for the next round of funding, and future funding awards will be diminished.
8. Awarded funds are placed in the student's BYU financial account as a "scholarship." (Note: Scholarship funding is tied to tuition, and if a student is awarded funding by the committee

during a semester/term of non-enrollment when no tuition is billed by the university, then the student may not access the funds until the semester/term in which enrollment is resumed.)

9. All proposals must be for upcoming research. Applications for the funding of research that has already taken place will not be considered.
10. Applications for individual students to receive less than \$50 will not be considered.
11. All budget items are checked for legitimacy in determining an award. The form must be completed in full and include a complete budget breakdown.
12. Students are expected to choose the most cost-effective transportation and accommodations. Where possible, students should seek student dorms or shared hotel rooms as well as other budget accommodations like Airbnb and hostels.
13. The committee strives to award funding throughout the year. All 2021 funding will be dispersed following the November deadline. Students may apply at the November deadline for research that will take place in January and February of the following year.

#### Experiential Learning Funding Committee

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