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|  | **Mentor Support Statement****Unanticipated Opportunities Grant** |

**The Unanticipated Opportunities Grant covers up to $500 for travel-related expenses to help a student realize an unanticipated, prestigious scholarly opportunity (i.e. invited public talk, performance, competitive workshop) that will advance their scholarship and career preparation and for which they could not have sought funding through the regular biannual Eagle SPUR competitions. If travel costs exceed $500, the student must show how the total costs will be covered. Cost-sharing from on- or off-campus entities is a requirement for this grant.**

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| **Mentor’s Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **USM ID** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Mentor’s Email** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Title/Position** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **School** | Choose an item. | **Program** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| **Student’s Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| **Project Title** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Opportunity venue** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Should my student receive an Unanticipated Opportunities Grant, the DCUR funds should be deposited in the fund listed below:**

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| ***Note: You or your school’s designated personnel are responsible for disbursing the funds should the student be awarded this grant. DCUR will deposit funding into your or your school’s designated DE university budget string (which you must list below) and then you or your school’s designated personnel must disburse the funding to the student. Do not use a startup account (i.e. School/Dept ID field #100006) for this.*** |
| Fund |  | School/Dept ID |  | Program |  | Project |

**Statement of Support**

Please describe your support for your student’s scholarly/creative project and briefly address the following:

* why this is a prestigious opportunity that will benefit the student’s personal, academic, and professional development;
* how this student is well-prepared to undertake this opportunity
* why the student could not apply for this opportunity within the regular Eagle SPUR grant cycle (not knowing if student’s abstract was accepted prior to application deadline is not an acceptable reason).
* the required cost-sharing that the student will draw upon for this project.

*Please limit your response to 500 words.*

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**Faculty Agreement**

With my electronic signature below, I agree with and commit to the following, if my student’s project is selected for DCUR funding.

* I will be a full-time faculty member at the University of Southern Mississippi during my student’s proposed funding period.
* I will provide guidance but will not complete the Unanticipated Opportunities application for my student.
* I will help my student find cost-sharing opportunities.
* DCUR funds will be deposited in my own or my school’s DE account, which I listed above, shortly after the grant has been awarded. I agree to be responsible for overseeing the disbursement of travel funds to the student. I will help the student fill out relevant travel forms in a manner that follows the university’s travel policies and procedures.
* My student will submit a final project report within two weeks of completing the project, discussing the outcome of the opportunity and detailing how the DCUR grant funds were spent. The student will also email to dcur@usm.edu their university-approved travel voucher within a month of travel.
* I will return any remaining funds to DCUR at the end of the opportunity.
* Should my student not fulfill the requirements associated with the DCUR grant, my ability to mentor DCUR-sponsored students in the future may be jeopardized.

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| **Mentor’s Signature** |  | **Date** |