# Research, Service, and Educational Leadership (RSEL) – MINI GRANT
# TIP SHEET

*This information is available for student/faculty reference on the Graduate Studies website. The information should be used as a guide when applying for RSEL Grants. While not all inclusive, this list identifies common reasons for application rejection or funding reduction. It is important to note the importance of maintaining professional standards in application completion.*

| APPLICATION DIFFICENCY | POTENTIAL RESULT |
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| Objectives of the project are not clearly identified. | Funding denied |
| No explanation of how data will be synthesized and presented. | Funding denied |
| Missing statement of assurance from faculty advisor. | Funding denied |
| Failure to explain the distinct research component of research involving international travel. Lack of substantiation that travel is necessary to conduct the research. | Funding denied |
| Failure to explain the distinction between a research project and internship experience (internships/preceptorships are not fundable, but research completed during this capstone experience may be). | Funding denied |
| Failure to check appropriate boxes when IRB, IACUC, and/or IBC approval is needed (or to provide explication when approval is unnecessary). | Funding denied |
| Weak or overly general budget justification (in both budget sheet or narrative). | Funding reduction |
| Failure to write to general audience (i.e., too much reliance on discipline-related jargon, failure to define key discipline-related terms). | Funding reduction |
| Lack of headings (i.e., Statement of Purpose, Objects, Final Product, etc.). | Funding reduction |
| Missing or limited citations of related research. | Funding reduction |
| Incorrect or inconsistent referencing. | Funding reduction |
| Poorly worded research question or purpose of study. | Funding reduction |
| Non-descriptive (boilerplate) faculty letter of support. | Funding reduction |
| Failure to agree to present at UWL Celebration of Research and Creativity (if student is unable to present during the April Celebration of Research and Creativity following completion of project, the student must present research/project proposal/preliminary results during the previous year's celebration of research.) | Funding reduction |