EDGE Funding Guidelines, updated June 23, 2020

• Decisions regarding EDGE funding are made by the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences' EDGE Committee, which includes one representative from each of the departments in the College and is chaired by a member of the committee. Applications should be submitted to the Office of the Dean (110 McCastlain Hall) with faculty supervisor and chair signatures at least two days before the committee is scheduled to meet (see schedule of committee meetings and deadlines below).

Deadlines

August deadline:	Committee meeting date: August
September deadline:	Committee meeting date: September
October deadline:	Committee meeting date: October
November deadline:	Committee meeting date: November
January deadline:	Committee meeting date: January
February deadline:	Committee meeting date: February
March deadline:	Committee meeting date: March
April deadline:	Committee meeting date: April

- In applying for EDGE funding, students and faculty members should explain why the proposed activity would be difficult to accomplish without EDGE funding.
- Wherever possible, students and faculty members should explore internal or external sources of funding in addition to EDGE funding. Requests that include other sources of funding will be given greater consideration than requests that do not.
- The University Research Council (URC) supports undergraduate research through the Student Research Fund (SRF). In addition to applying for EDGE funding, please use these SRF resources to support student research projects and dissemination. See: <u>http://uca.edu/urc/student-research/</u>.
- To be eligible for EDGE funding, a detailed budget must be included with the application. The budget should include: conference registration fees, roundtrip airfare, mileage (we reimburse at \$.15 a mile), meals (number of days at university per deim rate), lodging (number of nights, estimated price per night), other.
- Student applications must also provide a letter of support from a faculty adviser.
- The EDGE Committee operates on a rolling basis for funding, reviewing applications as they are submitted. In most cases, the committee does not accept applications after the activity has

occurred; there must be extenuating circumstances for such applications. Activities do not have to occur during the semester in which application is made, but must occur within a year of application date.

- The EDGE Committee may approve applications for funding from students majoring in College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences disciplines. The committee approves applications that support EDGE activities, including study abroad or study programs within the U.S., internships, undergraduate research (either travel to do research or travel to present research, *if not funded fully by URC*), and service-learning projects (although these are usually submitted by faculty on behalf of a class of students). The committee will accept applications from faculty for student service-learning projects/activities associated with a class or classes.
- The EDGE Committee will not approve funds for travel expenses related to an internship when the internship occurs within the city in which the student resides (e.g. a student living in Conway doing an internship in Conway). Funding for travel within state to an internship site is reimbursed at \$.15 a mile.
- The EDGE Committee will not approve applications for travel and hotel expenses for the sole purpose of attending a conference.
- The maximum allowed for any individual application is \$500. The maximum allowed for a group application from a faculty member is \$1000. In some cases, where a student has reached their financial aid maximum, the EDGE Committee will be unable to provide funding.