UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS FOUNDATION, INC.

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

(WGC)

Call for Proposals

2025-2026

The UCA Foundation WGC requests proposals from members of the UCA faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students and campus and community organizations for Foundation funding of projects which provide and encourage unique learning and leadership development opportunities that will enrich the lives of women within the framework of the mission and strategic plan of the University.

Proposals must be received by September 19, 2025

Application Information and Procedures

The request for proposals will be valid for the academic year 2025-2026.
Applications are **due Friday, September 19, 2025**. The form must be completed in full with a signature from the dean or department director or organization head. Any additional information may be attached to the application.

Send Approved Proposals To:

Haley C. Fowler
Senior Director of Annual Giving
Buffalo Alumni Hall
UCA Box 4986
Conway, AR 72035

or Email to hcrafton@uca.edu

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Women's Giving Circle
Established 2014

Vision: The Women's Giving Circle (WGC) was established to provide and encourage unique learning and leadership development opportunities that will enrich the lives of women and girls.

Mission: Through the financial support of its members, the WGC strives to make a difference for UCA, its programs, its faculty, staff, students and organizations by providing an innovative source of funding.

Objectives: Create a pool of grant funds from women to women, focusing on projects and programs benefiting women and girls.

Enrich the lives of women and girls.

Allocate funds and award grants based on a majority preference expressed by vote of WGC members.

Bring about change.

Publicly recognize the impact of funded programs and projects

Encourage women as leaders in philanthropy.

Connect women alumnae and friends of UCA directly with projects and programs of the university

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Grant Priorities

The WGC grants are intended to encourage creative programs that support unique learning and leadership development opportunities that will enrich the lives of women and girls.

Frequently, good ideas require funding not easily available from annual budget sources. The UCA Foundation WGC has allocated funds from individual membership gifts to invest in creative projects that fit within the framework of the strategic goals and mission of the University in meeting educational needs, as well as the mission of the WGC.

- Proposals must be specific to the needs of programs dedicated to women and girls.
- Grants will be funded in amounts ranging from $500 to $2,000 and may be partially funded based on committee recommendations.
- Grant funds are distributed in the fall and/or spring.
- Awardees must provide a one page six month progress report on the success of the grant.

Grants Committee

A committee has been formed for the general purpose of reviewing applications for these special grants. The committee, consisting of current paid members of the Women's Giving Circle, will:

1. Review requests for proposals;
2. Determine whether the program fits the WGC mission and University purposes;
3. Consider the program's merits

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Application for UCA Foundation WGC Grant

Applicant Name _____

Department/Campus
Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Title of Proposal _____

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Amount of Funding Requested $_____ (Max of $2,000)

Complete all information requested:

Timetable (Expenditures for grants funded must be made within 18 months.)

Budget (Expenses should be listed individually in detail. These may be listed on a sheet attached to this application. Please indicate if you have received or are seeking funding from other sources.)

This proposal meets the mission and objectives of the WGC, UCA Foundation and University.

Signature, College Dean or Department Director

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or

Signature, Organization Head

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Please complete the next three sections in no more than 3 pages.

Purpose and Objectives: (What specifically do you hope to accomplish? How does this proposed grant meet the mission and objectives of the WGC as listed on page 2 of this grant application document?)

Need: (What is the need or the problem addressed by this proposed grant? How does it address the needs of woman and girls? How does the need or problem identified relate to your departments, colleges or organizational goals?)

Program Description: (Summarize the activities that will be undertaken to meet the objectives. List three objectives you hope to accomplish and how you will measure the results.)

Provide a brief, one paragraph summary to be used for proposal review and for publicity purposes if grant is funded.

If funded, would you be willing to attend a WGC event(s) to present a synopsis of your grant and/or its results? _____Yes ____ No

Awardees must provide a one page six month progress report on the success of the grant.