

## **UCA LEAD**

(Lead, Engage, Act, Discover) 2025-2026

Are you a UCA employee interested in leadership development and peer networking? The UCA LEAD Program is your answer. Apply today!

This program brings together highly motivated UCA employees who value dynamic interactions among academic, operational, and external members and want to learn more about the university and their own leadership development. Participants will gain a different perspective on the campus community, acquire a new network of colleagues, and receive neat swag.

## **OUR PURPOSE**

To bring together highly motivated UCA employees to experience first-hand the operational structure, relationships, and leadership within Higher Education to better serve and educate our students and colleagues.

## **OUR OBJECTIVES**

#### **LEAD**

\*Understanding SELF - leading from within. Team building and self-reflection.

# **ENGAGE**

\*Understanding state, local and UCA specific logistics in Higher Education Working to educate colleagues and assist in responses to its changes and challenges.

## **ACT**

\*Understanding OTHERS – working collectively with others, communication, coaching, and self-regulation.

# **DISCOVER**

\*Understanding UCA's CULTURE and our role within it and emphasizing collaboration. Understanding the community connection – UCA and Conway and desired impact.

#### BENEFITS

- Access to available resources & applicable content to assist participants in their daily role at the university and increase their leadership competencies
- New cohort to learn from and develop with while learning/building skills and applying knowledge to university scenarios and challenges
- Exposure to a variety of venues, guest speakers, and leadership within higher education, thus expanding the participant's knowledge and understanding of UCA and also higher education in general
- Build community and increase collaborative efforts on campus
- Benefit Departments, faculty and staff senates, and the institution as a whole
- Provide employee recognition at the Department/Unit level
- Retain UCA employees

#### PROGRAM LOGISTICS

Selected participants will meet once a month for seven (7) sessions. Wednesdays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in various venues on the UCA campus.

September 24, 2025
October 29, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 10, 2025 (1:00-3:00 pm)
January 28, 2026
February 25, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 22, 2026 Completion Ceremony and Celebratory Reception

Please complete the application by March 20, 2025 at 4:30 pm, to be considered for this opportunity.