Women's Giving Circle

Grant Proposal Submission Cover Sheet

College and Unit: Honors College

Title of proposal: APSI Under-Represented School Scholarships

Point of contact: Noah Pittman

Point of contact title: Asst. Dean for Recruitment and Retention

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Total amount requested: $ 7500

SIGNED*

May 22, 2017

Director of Development Date

May 22, 2017

Dean/Vice Chancellor Date

****Must be signed by the director of development for your college/school/unit who will then route to the dean or vice chancellor for approval.***

Women's Giving Circle Grant Application

Instructions:

1. Complete all information in the grant proposal application.
2. Adhere to recommended text limits as indicated
3. Define any acronyms that are used in the proposal.
4. Upload the WGC Grant Application Budget Request Sheet as the final page of this application.
5. Please note that the WGC will not accept repeat applications beyond more than two consecutive years.
6. If you have questions, contact your unit's development officer for any clarifications or assistance in preparing your proposal.
7. Applications are due to the Women's Giving Circle by 5:00 p.m., May 15, Monday. Please deliver your application to your dean or development officer for review and approval prior to the submission deadline. We advise you to give these individuals sufficient time to make recommendations for changes and allow yourself time to execute them.
8. Remember to save a copy of your proposal before final submission.
9. We ask that you keep the following aspects of the Women's Giving Circle grant program in mind as you complete your application:

Women's Giving Circle Mission

To support innovative programs and research at the University of Arkansas

Women's Giving Circle Vision

To engage and empower women as philanthropic leaders at the University of Arkansas

Women's Giving Circle Funding Priorities

Support and promote scholarship, research, and service
Enrich the quality of life of women and children
Encourage outreach and engagement in Arkansas

Areas that meet the strategic priorities for the university and the WGC

- Focus on retention/graduation
- Increase undergraduate opportunities, i.e., building the endowment; involving students in research or service learning project with a collaborative bent
- Promote graduate student participation in research
- Focus on collaboration
- Follow the land grant mission to fund projects that support needs in the region and the state with emphasis on collaboration between colleges/departments/units
- Invest in faculty excellence
- Recruit first-generation students from Arkansas
- Advance the mission of the WGC

Identifying Information:

College or Unit Affiliation

Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design
J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
Sam M. Walton College of Business
College of Education and Health Professions
College of Engineering
Honors College
Graduate School and International Education
School of Law
Student Affairs
University Libraries
Other

*Please specify **OTHER** unit affiliation:* _____

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Project Summary (200 word maximum)

Each year approximately 300 AP and Pre-AP teachers from around the state attend the U of A Honors College's Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI). This is a key workshop for new teachers to learn how to teach Advanced Placement courses and for experienced instructors to get up to date on the latest trends and requirements in advanced placement education. By improving the education of Arkansas students

Is this

- (●) an expansion of a current program
- ( ) a new program

Please list media sites (if any) utilized by your project or program to publicize the project/program, i.e., website, social media, etc.

UARK Newswire
Honors College Website
Honors College Facebook Page (2500 followers)

If your project is funded, describe innovative ways how the WGC will be recognized in the success/completion of your project:

In addition to recognition in social media and press releases, we would like to invite WGC members to a dinner with APSI scholarship recipients during the program in summer 2018.

Grant Proposal

What is the specific scholarly or community needs your grant request addresses? (100 word maximum)

Many rural and under-resourced schools offer only the state-required minimum of four AP courses, putting their students at an educational disadvantage and offering few resources for their AP teachers to stay on top of the latest developments. APSI scholarships will both improve AP education and expand the University's recruiting reach into districts with larger numbers of first-generation and minority students.

How does your proposed project or program assess how these needs will be redressed? *(100 word maximum)*

The Honors College has multiple years of APSI attendee demographic data. We will be able to demonstrate how scholarship attendees augmented the program's reach into underrepresented school districts. The program is also evaluated each summer by the attendees, providing qualitative data on participants' experiences.

Describe any unique and/or innovative aspects of your project or program that improves what is already known about your area of inquiry. *(100 word maximum)*

The APSI is already regarded as a successful program, but these additional scholarship funds will allow us to reach new constituents and, in turn, their input will help strengthen future outreach to teachers and collaboration by teachers from similar districts leading to overall greater participation in the AP testing program across Arkansas high schools. This learning experience on our part will be possible because

Please list up to five (5) expected outputs and outcomes with corresponding measurements (Please note: just listing outputs is not sufficient.)

1. Ten teachers from underrepresented districts will be able to attend the APSI and improve their AP teaching skills for underserved students.

2. These ten participants will become contacts for recruiting purposes, expanding the U of A's geographic and economic reach.

Document if there are other programs/projects that attempt to address the same needs as your proposal. If so, describe whether and how you will collaborate with them. *(100-word maximum)*

The National Science Foundation currently provides limited funding for teachers in Computer Science Principles thanks to the work of the College of Engineering and five scholarships are provided by the College Board. Other regional APSI programs are conducted at Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Demographic Considerations

First generation students engaged in the project: ◉ Yes ○ No

Number of current UA students engaged in the project:

Geographic region served:

- ❍ Northwest Arkansas
- ❍ Southwest Arkansas
- ❍ Northeast Arkansas
- ◉ Southeast Arkansas
- ❍ Central Arkansas
- ❍ Campus

Budgetary Considerations

Have you received WGC Funding before?

- ❍ Yes
- ◉ No

Please provide the year(s) and project name(s)

Total proposed budget for project or program: (proposed budgets of more than $20K will not be considered; in typical years WGC proposals fall within in the $5-10K range)
$ 7500

Should match Item 1 on Budget Request sheet.

Please list total funding commitments from external or campus sources to date:
$ 0

Should match Item 2 on Budget Request sheet.

How much, if any, of your request involves funding for the following?
Please estimate using percentages

Student Compensation 0 %
Equipment 0 %

Total funds requested from WGC Grant:
$ 7500

Should match Item 3 on Budget Request sheet.

If this project or program will continue after WGC grant money has been spent, please describe how you will continue to fund this project or program *(100-word maximum)*

We are confident that demonstrated success in this project will be attractive to individual donors and Arkansas foundations as well as opening doors to funding from U of A sources. Further, one of the leading reasons for lack of participation from some schools in the state is a disconnect of information leading to the APSI registration process. By participating in APSI, teachers will learn the registration

In the rare case that grant resources cannot be expended, be prepared to return the remaining funds to WGC.

If selected as a recipient for a WGC grants, you will be required to submit two progress reports, including a budget summary, as well as a poster of your project for purposes of grant presentation.

Please be sure to save this document within the Grant Application Packet.