Award Application

Section I: The Award

The Women’s Leadership Center Women’s Leadership Research Award is made available to support student research initiatives related to women’s leadership. Specifically, the purposes of the award are (1) to provide AU students hands-on experience with the full spectrum of academic research (quantitative and qualitative) into women’s leadership issues, from identifying topics of interest, to devising research instruments, to assessing and reporting data; (2) to advance the body of knowledge related to women’s leadership; and (3) to provide a signature program to raise the profile of the Women’s Leadership Center of Alfred University in the region.

This grant will support an Alfred University student who wishes to conduct academic research in an area strongly related to women’s leadership. This might include, but is not limited to:

- The nature of women’s leadership; i.e. create a grounded theory of women’s leadership.
- Women’s leadership and gender: differences and similarities in leadership style and efficacies across the gender spectrum.
- Mentoring and women’s professional success.
- Ethic of care and women’s leadership.
- Leveraging women’s networks to assist under-employed women in rural areas.
- Devising quantitative and qualitative methods toward a deeper understanding of women’s leadership.
- Case studies of women leaders.
- Women as leaders in male-dominated fields (i.e. sciences, engineering, math, technology, athletics).
- Women-produced art as mechanisms for leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation, etc.
- Artistic interpretations of women’s forms of leading.

The WLC Women’s Leadership Research award shall be distributed to Alfred University students. Undergraduate and graduate students may apply.

Total amount awarded per year: $2,000.00. Funds may be wholly allocated to one applicant or may be dispersed among several applicants, depending on the quality of the applicant pool.
**Section II: Application Information**

**Due date:** Applications are due **by the first Monday of October** for research to be conducted in the spring semester of the following year and **by the third Monday in March** for research to be conducted in the fall semester. **All materials should be sent to** the Women’s Leadership Center, 1 Saxon Drive, The Commons, Alfred University, Alfred NY 14802 or by electronic mail at wlc@alfred.edu.

**Required materials:**

- **Applicant information:** a current resume with emphasis on academic achievements and copy of unofficial transcripts.

- **Statement of Research Purpose:** One page (double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman; APA style) wherein the applicant explains the need for inquiry, the research question(s) or project objective, expected methodology, and expected format of presentation findings. Please include name(s) of faculty/staff research mentor. References will not be included in the one page limit.

- **Statement of Relevance to the Women’s Leadership Center at AU:** One page, maximum. Explain how your proposed research project is relevant to the stated objectives of the award (see above).

- **Presentation of additional funds received/anticipated in support of your research:** Please provide a detailed explanation of other sources of funding (received and anticipated if applications are pending).

- **Presentation of expected budget:** Please provide an explanation of how you anticipate using the WLC Women’s Leadership Research funds. Please be clear as to how much of the $2,000 you are seeking. No monies from the award are to be used for the purchase of food, alcohol or entertainment.

- **Statement of Reporting Compliance:** Please review, and sign the statement below to indicate your compliance:

  I, ____________________________, understand and will comply with the expectation that upon completion of my research project, I will publish and/or present my findings in a formal setting as organized and arranged by the Women’s Leadership Center. Such presentation may include a formal speech, a poster session, participation in a panel discussion, or similar. At minimum I will present copies of all artifacts related to the research project, including raw data and final manuscript. I understand that the research may be used by the Women’s Leadership Center in the support of education and leadership development opportunities for the AU Community. I further understand that I will supply to the Women’s Leadership Center a full and complete accounting (including receipts where available) to demonstrate how the funds were used. Any unused funds must be returned to the Women’s Leadership Center within 30 days of project completion.