



Enrichment Grant Proposals for 2024-2025

The mission of Women of Impact at Cedarville University is **to create opportunities for engagement between generations of women and to channel impact to students through scholarships and faculty enrichment grants.**

Faculty and staff from departments across campus were invited to submit requests for enrichment grants to fund initiatives not covered by current department budgets. In January of 2025, grants will be awarded to fund 4 areas: *research, supplies and equipment, professional development, and faculty/student collaboration projects.*

Whether partially or fully funding, thank you for taking the time to consider the following proposals. Funds raised through this effort will not only strengthen our academic programs in meaningful ways but also provide valuable professional development opportunities for our students. If you have any questions or interest in supporting a particular grant, please feel free to reach out to Kimmy Park by emailing kimberlypark@cedarville.edu or calling 937-766-4725.

Additional information can be found at the [Women of Impact website](#). Thank you!

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Dept., Faculty Name, Grant Title	Grant Summary	Proposal Link	Amount
School of Allied Health Dr. April Crommett <i>Exercise for Health</i>	The Exercise Science Students would like to have a health fair on campus in January and provide personal training services to faculty and staff throughout the semester. We are asking for funds for t-shirts, snacks, and prizes at the health fair. We want to provide this service to get Fac/Staff more involved in exercise to improve their health.	Click Here	\$2,950
School of Allied Health Dr. Pete Peterson <i>Exercise Equipment & Research</i>	With the purchase of new equipment called the total body trainer, Dr. Peterson and his students would like to initiate both research projects as well as increase fitness opportunities for Faculty, staff, and students.	Click Here	\$4,950
School of Allied Health Prof. Sarah Wallace <i>Answers in Genesis Conference</i>	Prof. Wallace is requesting funds for 4 individuals to attend the “Answers for Women 2026” conference, hosted by Answers in Genesis.	Click Here	\$1,000 (partially funded w/ \$500)
School of Arts & Humanities Prof. Stacey Stratton <i>Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival</i>	If invited to perform at the annual Region 3 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, the 24 members of Cedarville's cast and crew of <i>The Secret Garden</i> would travel to Madison, Wisconsin in January with	Click Here	\$5,000 (partially funded w/ \$250)

	their director to perform the show for all festival attendees.		
School of Biblical & Theological Studies Dr. Erin Shaw <i>The Bride Wore White</i>	Women in Bible will host an evening for female students with CU Alum, Dannah Gresh. She will discuss the contents of the latest edition of When the Bride Wore White. We hope to pass out 100 copies of the book at this event.	Click here	Fully Funded!
School of Biblical & Theological Studies Dr. Erin Shaw <i>Growing Together, Mentorship Program</i>	Each year Women in Bible (all female student in Biblical Studies as well as Bible specific minors) organizes a mentoring program where we pair students with an adult female mentor that can train them in biblical wisdom and offer encouragement in biblical ethics. We would like to request funds for mentoring training material.	Click Here	\$1,098
School of Business & Communication Dr. Kary Oberbrunner <i>The Pitch Event</i>	The Pitch Event is an opportunity for student entrepreneurs to present their business startup ideas to a panel of potential investors. An invite to all majors on campus, this event seeks to encourage and grow the mindset of entrepreneurship in the marketplace.	Click Here	\$5,000 (partially funded w/ \$500)
School of Ed & Social Work Dr. Brenda MacKay <i>Overseas Student Teaching</i>	Education majors desiring to complete student teaching overseas are responsible for all costs associated with the experience, which often presents a barrier. This semester often is the steppingstone for students who desire to serve on mission in international schools upon graduating. This grant is seeking funding for the application fees associated with the international student teaching experience.	Click Here	\$1,800 (partially funded w/ \$1,450)
School of Ed & Social Work Dr. Lynn Roper <i>Teaching Special Needs Training</i>	With a shortage of special educators becoming a growing concern in schools across the country, the School of Education seeks to provide additional training to its students through two new professional development sessions.	Click Here	Fully Funded!
School of Ed & Social Work Dr. Megan Brown <i>Christian Educators Conference & Supplies</i>	The Student Education Association (SEA) seeks funding for its members to attend a local Christian Educators conference, allowing members to hear a variety of educators' perspectives. Additionally, SEA seeks funding for supplies to be used toward their professional development efforts.	Click Here	\$4,000

<p>School of Ed & Social Work Prof. Melissa Brown <i>AACC World Conference</i></p>	<p>This proposal is requesting funds to take 8 students to the Assoc. of Christian Counselors World Conference in Nashville, TN in September of 2025. Attending the conference will allow students to receive specialize training from a Christian worldview, helping them engage with the world and meet the complex needs of those they will serve.</p>	<p>Click Here</p>	<p>Fully Funded!</p>
<p>School of Math & Science Dr. Mark Gathany <i>eDNA Research</i></p>	<p>Environmental DNA (eDNA) monitoring for conservation has been growing rapidly in the last decade and entered the public's awareness during Covid-19 when it was utilized to detect and estimate infection from wastewater. This proposal would fund students to expand upon a project seeking to establish a protocol so that we may apply it in the upcoming semesters for environmental monitoring, research, & conservation of aquatic organisms in the streams of southwest Ohio.</p>	<p>Click Here</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>
<p>School of Math & Science Dr. Mark Gathany & Dr. Kaleb Pauley <i>Seminar Series</i></p>	<p>Funding is requested to establish an honorarium fund to support excellent speakers to participate in the Biological Sciences Seminar Series. Being able to offer this would give students exposure to cutting edge research & graduate school opportunities while also granting visibility and a growing network for the Biological Sciences and its faculty here at Cedarville University.</p>	<p>Click Here</p>	<p>\$2,000</p>
<p>School of Nursing Dr. Angie Mickle <i>RX for Renewal Conference</i></p>	<p>Funding is requested to support faculty attendance at the Rx for Renewal Conference, a pivotal event that equips and inspires medical professionals to integrate their faith with their practice, making a significant impact on communities throughout the world.</p>	<p>Click Here</p>	<p>\$5,000</p>
<p>School of Nursing Prof. Sarah Compton <i>Room 210 Facilities Improvement</i></p>	<p>The Engineering Science room 210 is not conducive to learning due to noise, starkness and overuse. Renovating room 210 would assist in sense of welcome, stimulate learning and assist in student focus and engagement.</p>	<p>Click Here</p>	<p>\$3,900</p>