

Call for Proposals from Graduate Students: \$500 Grants for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Focusing on Women or Gender

The Institute for Research on Women and Gender invites proposals from graduate students at the University of Michigan planning or conducting research, scholarship, and creative activities focusing on women or gender.

Eligibility. Several \$500 grants will be awarded to graduate students in any field, for expenses such as books, travel, production or exhibition costs, software, data collection, or payment of subjects. Students at any stage in their graduate careers may apply. Although most awards will be made to doctoral-level students, students currently in master's degree programs, but planning research or creative careers, may apply. Students who have received this award in the past are not eligible to apply.

Application materials and deadline. Applicants must submit 5 copies of their application materials to the address listed at the bottom of this announcement by **November 27, 2006**. Please attach an application cover sheet to the front of each copy of your application. These materials must include the following:

- Application cover sheet
- Curriculum vita
- Project abstract (no more than 100 words)
- A brief description of your project (no more than 800 words). This will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee, so be sure to describe the goals, methods, and significance of the project in terms that are understandable to scholars outside your field.
- Project budget (explanation of how the requested funds will be used)
- Letters of support from two faculty members who know you and your project well (these should be submitted with your application in sealed envelopes signed by the letter-writer or sent directly from the letter-writer to the Institute). The appropriate number of copies will be made by Institute staff.
- A transcript (transcript must be an official copy if from an institution other than the University of Michigan)

Criteria for awards. All of the criteria listed below will play some role in the selection process; however, every project need not satisfy every criterion.

- Centrality of focus on women or gender
- Anticipated contribution of this project to scholarship or creative activity on women or gender
- Inclusion of appropriate attention to issues of race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, culture, nationality, social class, differences among women or other differences
- The quality of the scholarship or creative activity
- Clarity of description of the project
- Use of interdisciplinary approach to scholarship or creative activity
- Evaluation of the budget justification
- Balance and breadth of disciplines in the entire group of proposals
- Good standing in your academic program
- Contribution of this project to your professional development

Human Subjects Review. Compliance with all appropriate regulations governing conduct of research will be required. Research proposals involving the use of human subjects will be subject to project review and approval by the appropriate IRB. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain IRB approval.

Award date. Applicants will be notified of final decisions in late January 2007.

Application materials should be sent to:

**Graduate Student Funding Programs
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