

Call for Proposals from Graduate Students: *Community of Scholars* Fellowships for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Focusing on Women or Gender

The Institute for Research on Women and Gender announces its *Community of Scholars* graduate student fellowship program and invites proposals from graduate students at the University of Michigan planning or conducting research, scholarship, and creative activities focusing on women or gender. IRWG is particularly committed to creating environments in which a community of scholars come together for cross-disciplinary exchange. To that end, this program requires awardees to participate in a weekly seminar during May and June 2008, and a public presentation of their work during the academic year 2008-2009.

Students may apply for fellowships for the summer of 2008.

Eligibility

Several summer fellowships will be awarded. 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.

Terms of the fellowships

Fellowships will provide a stipend of \$1,800/month for May through August, 2008. GradCare coverage will also be provided if students are not otherwise covered.

All awardees will be required to participate in a weekly seminar involving the graduate fellows during May and June 2008. Awardees will be required to confirm their ability to attend the weekly meetings prior to final acceptance of the fellowship. Research may be conducted outside of Ann Arbor during July and August 2008. However, fellows will be required to participate in a public presentation of their work during the academic year 2008-2009, even if they are not in residence.

Criteria for awards

All of the criteria listed below will play some role in the selection process.

- 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, or other differences among women or men
- The quality of the scholarship or creative activity
- Clarity of description of the project
- Use of interdisciplinary approach to scholarship or creative activity
- Good standing in the applicant's academic program
- Contribution of this project to the applicant's professional development
- Balance and breadth of disciplines in the entire group of proposals

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.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received no later than November 26, 2007. Applicants will be notified of final award decisions in late January, 2008.

Application Materials and Instructions

One application may be made to apply for both the *Community of Scholars* fellowships and the \$500 Grants for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities. Please indicate on the application cover sheet the program(s) to which you are applying.

Application materials must include the following:

1. Application cover sheet
 2. Project abstract (no more than 100 words)
 3. A brief description of the 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 from many disciplines.
 4. Project budget (explanation of how the funds will be used) for \$500 research award. Those applying only to the *Community of Scholars* fellowship program do not need to include a project budget.
 5. Curriculum vita
 6. Letters of support from two faculty members who know you and your project well
 7. A transcript (transcript must be an official copy if from an institution other than the University of Michigan)
- Application materials 1-5 must be submitted electronically. Please submit one PDF file containing all of these materials. Alternatively, you may submit one Microsoft Word file and IRWG staff will convert your file to PDF.
 - Letters of support from faculty members should be submitted to IRWG in sealed envelopes signed by the letter-writer or sent directly from the letter-writer to IRWG.
 - Hard copies of transcripts should be submitted to IRWG by the applicant. It is also acceptable to scan the transcript and include it in your PDF application file.

Submit electronic applications, by November 26, 2007, to the following email address:

irwg.grad.funding@umich.edu

Submit hard copies of letters of support from faculty and transcripts, by November 26, 2007, to:

Graduate Student Funding Programs
Institute for Research on Women and Gender
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