

Support for Scholarly Activities on Women or Gender

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Institute for Research on Women and Gender at the University of Michigan

The Institute for Research on Women and Gender invites applications for support for scholarly activities on women or gender. The goal of this program is to enhance disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship or creative activities on women and gender at the University of Michigan. Support may be requested for individual scholarly activities (e.g., travel to research sites, purchase of research materials such as books, microfilms, or other items, research assistance) or for collaborative projects (e.g., pilot or initial research efforts, study groups, conference planning and implementation). While providing funds for new and emerging work is a priority for this program, requests for support of on-going programs of research are also considered. Applications from all academic disciplines, including the arts, humanities and sciences, are welcome and encouraged. Requests for applications are made annually.

Awards

Because this program has a very broad scope in terms of types of projects, we anticipate that funding requests will range widely in size. Funds may be requested from \$500 to \$10,000, depending on the scope of the project. We expect most awards to be in the lower end of the range. We encourage applications from those seeking matching funds for grants from other sources, up to our limit. Successful applicants will be expected to provide brief written reports on their projects in the October following the award year. Reports for 2008 awards will be due in October of 2009. Recipients of this award may be asked to review future proposals to this funding program.

Eligibility

Tenure track, non-tenure track, or emeritus faculty, clinical faculty, research faculty, and librarians are eligible to submit applications. Applicants are encouraged to include students in project plans, but the principal investigator must not be a student. Normally applications will not be accepted from individuals who received awards last year. Members of the Institute's Executive Committee are not eligible to submit applications.

Review Process

Reviews will be completed by an interdisciplinary panel of faculty affiliated with the Institute.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be judged on the basis of:

1. the quality and significance of the scholarly or creative activity proposed
2. centrality of research on women or gender to the project
3. inclusion of appropriate attention to issues of race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, culture, nationality, social class, or other differences among women and men
4. value of the project to the career development of faculty and/or students
5. contribution of the project to the study of women or gender at the University of Michigan (in terms of scholarly, training, or curricular influence, or external funding, etc.)

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 Materials (Font size must be 10 point or larger)

1. A cover sheet listing:
 - a. project title
 - b. applicant's name, title and department(s)
 - c. best address and phone number for reaching the applicant
 - d. email address for applicant (if available)
 - e. names and affiliations of collaborators on the project
 - f. total amount requested from faculty seed grant program
2. Abstract
Provide a 100 word summary of the project.
3. Statement of Project
In a separate statement of NO MORE THAN 4 pages, outline:
 - a. the goals of the project
 - b. plan for conducting the project
 - c. roles of any collaborators on the project
4. Budget
Outline budget expenses, including their justification. Specify contingent budgets. Any salary expenses must include appropriate calculation of benefits. Please note that faculty salary will not be funded.
5. Curriculum Vita
Include vitae for collaborators on the project.

Deadline and Application Instructions

Applications must be received no later than January 10, 2008. Awards will be announced in late February 2008. Application materials must be submitted electronically. Please submit one PDF file. Alternatively, you may submit a Microsoft Word file and IRWG staff will convert your file to PDF.

Submit electronic applications to the following email address:
irwg.seed.grant@umich.edu

Please direct any questions concerning this program to Patricia Smith (pssmith@umich.edu) at 764-9537 or Dr. Janet Malley (jmalley@umich.edu), at the same number.