

# the sisters fund

## SMALL GRANT AWARDS

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

The Institute for Research on Women and Gender (IRWG) invites applications requesting support of scholarly activities directed to global health issues, specifically focused on gendered health disparities.

In its first call for project proposals, the Sisters Fund seeks to enhance “activist” scholarship or other creative activities that benefit local and global communities experiencing gender-based, health disparities. 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.

#### **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 or co-sponsorship from other sources, up to our limit. Successful applicants will be expected to attend the Sisters Fund event on October 18, 2007.

#### **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. the centrality of activity related to gender-based health disparities in local or global communities
3. the appropriate attention to issues of race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, culture, nationality, social class, or other differences among women and men
4. the value of the project to the community
5. the strength of the evaluation plan

## 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
  - e. names and affiliations of collaborators on the project
  - f. total amount requested from the Sisters Fund small grant program
  - g. statement acknowledging that, if your project is funded, you will serve as a reviewer for this program within two years of receiving funding
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. A formal evaluation plan NO MORE THAN 2 pages developed in conjunction with IRWG staff\*. IRWG will provide external evaluation for all projects. Data collection, as outlined in the proposal, will be the responsibility of the award recipient. Evaluation of the data will be performed by IRWG staff, in collaboration with the project PI.
5. Plan for the protection of human subjects (if relevant to your project). If you are conducting research with human subjects (this includes the evaluation), you must get IRB approval before initiating the project.
5. Budget  
Outline budget expenses, including their justification. Specify contingent budgets. Any salary expenses must include appropriate calculation of benefits. Please note that summer salary or additional salary for faculty will not be funded.
6. Curriculum Vita  
Include vitae for collaborators on the project.

\* Please contact Dr. Janet Malley (jmalley@umich.edu) or Dr. Carol Boyd (caroboyd@umich.edu) to discuss the evaluation plan for your project.

### Deadline and Application Instructions

Applications must be received no later than September 10, 2007. 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.Sisters.Fund.Grants@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.