2023-2024 AWARD CYCLE

FACULTY CONVERGENCE GRANT
(WGSS AFFILIATES)*

FRI: Feminist Research Institute Faculty Convergence Grants are intended to provide support for focused and collective examinations of a particular area or topic related to women, gender, and/or sexuality. These awards are meant to promote larger collaborative efforts by requiring “working groups” of at least four faculty to create a focused, collective examination of a particular area or topic related to women, gender, and/or sexuality. Priority will be given to proposals that gather faculty around previously underfunded or emerging research areas and promise to energize a group of scholars at UNM in diverse and inclusive ways. Projects should result in outcomes enabling faculty to apply for external funding, publications, or content that will increase the impact and visibility of creative research at the University of New Mexico. Funding may be used to support activities in a wide variety of formats, including reading or working groups, seminar series or workshops for a core audience of researchers, or a symposium built around a research agenda. *At least one member of the team must be an affiliate or associate faculty in the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Program.

DEADLINE: APRIL 21, 2023

HOW TO APPLY
Submit your proposal and apply through InfoReady.

AWARDS
Funding may be requested from $500 to $5,000 for projects spanning up to two years. Proposals requesting $3,000 or more must span two years. We encourage applications from those seeking matching funds for grants from other sources, up to our limit. Organizers are responsible for managing their budgets and expenditures with FRI administrative support.

ELIGIBILITY
1. Tenured, Tenure-Track Faculty, and non-tenure track faculty.
2. At least one member of the “working group” must be a WGSS associate/affiliate. UNM faculty who are not yet affiliated can apply to be a WGSS associate or affiliate through this form. Approval of WGSS affiliation is not required to submit a grant proposal, however, faculty must complete the affiliation proposal before funds are awarded.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Applications will be accepted through InfoReady.

Your proposal should include the following five items:

1. PROJECT ABSTRACT
   - 250-word summary accessible to a general reader. If awarded, we will use this description on our website and on social media.

2. PROJECT NARRATIVE
   - In no more than two (2) pages please include the following:
     o BACKGROUND/PROBLEM STATEMENT: Provide context on why this project is needed.
     o GOALS & OBJECTIVES: What does this program hope to achieve? How does it contribute to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in feminist research?
     o ACTIVITIES: Include proposed activities and an estimated timeline.
     o PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP/ENGAGEMENT PLAN: Include a list of faculty who have agreed to serve on the project’s faculty working group and the potential for sufficient attendance at proposed public events/activities.
     o ROLES OF THE COLLABORATORS: Include anyone named in the proposal, their roles, and responsibilities, and expected level of effort (e.g., percentage of time or hours committed)
     o FUTURE RESEARCH PLANS: Explain how this funding would contribute to future research agendas or strengthen UNM’s collective knowledge/capacity in a particular area.

3. ITEMIZED PROJECT BUDGET
   - Please adapt the provided template (download the Excel file here) to suit your project.

4. BUDGET JUSTIFICATION
   - In no more than two (2) pages describe your project’s budget:
     o Outline budget expenses, including their justification.
     o Please list any other funding sources (and amounts) you are receiving or applying for this project.

5. CURRICULUM VITAE
   - A max 10-page CV for the PI will be accepted. A list of faculty with short bios including affiliation, major publications, and grant awards. should accompany the PI CV.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Reviewers will score the applications based on EACH of these five criteria:

1. QUALITY and significance of the scholarly or creative activity proposed.
2. CENTRALITY of research on women, gender, and/or sexuality.
3. VALUE of the project to the career development of faculty (in terms of scholarly, training, or obtaining further external funding) or that of students.
4. INCLUSION of an intersectional approach (including appropriate attention to issues of race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, culture, social class, nationality, religion, disability, or other social differences).
5. IMPACT of the project to further knowledge about historical, and contemporary issues, topics, or phenomena within New Mexico and the greater Southwest region.
Answering the following questions will strengthen your proposal and reflect the fact that our evaluation criteria may differ from other funders:

1. Why should FRI fund this project? How does your project fit FRI's goal of funding intersectional feminist research?
2. Why is your project important for the field of feminist, gender, queer, or trans studies? What impact will it have?
3. How will your work contribute to the study of women, gender, or sexuality at UNM?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Reviews will be completed by the FRI Board and previous FRI awardees. All applicants will receive feedback from the review panel.
- Human Subjects Review: Compliance with all appropriate regulations governing the conduct of research will be required. Research proposals involving 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 in a timely manner so that research is not delayed. For the application's purposes, you do not need IRB approval before submitting it for consideration.

POST-AWARD EXPECTATIONS

- Acknowledge FRI support in presentations and publications resulting from the funded project.
- Inform FRI of resulting funding, presentations, and publications for publicity purposes.
- Deliver a public presentation or other alternative public-facing events on the research project within a year of the award disbursement.
- Provide the FRI Director with a written progress report 1 year from the award date and a final grant report at the project’s end.
- Research travel should be completed by June 30, 2024. All travel reimbursements must be submitted within 15 days after returning.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, please contact:
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