FRI Faculty Seed Grants are intended to support interdisciplinary faculty projects on women, gender, and sexuality. Support may be requested for individual activities, such as research assistance, research-related travel, or research materials. We support early phases of research such as pilot studies or initial research efforts. Projects should result in outcomes enabling faculty to apply for external funding, which will increase the impact and visibility of creative research at the University of New Mexico. These grants are one-time awards, and applicants should design projects that can be completed during one academic year. Providing funds for new and emerging work is a priority for this program, so requests for support of ongoing research programs are not eligible for funding. Applications from all academic disciplines including the arts, humanities, and sciences are welcome.

DEADLINE: APRIL 24, 2023

HOW TO APPLY
Submit your proposal and apply through InfoReady.

AWARDS
Funds may be requested from $500 to $1,500, depending on the scope and stage of the project.

ELIGIBILITY
Tenured, Tenure-track, non-tenure-track, clinical faculty, and research faculty at the University of New Mexico are eligible. Individuals who receive funding are eligible to reapply two years after the conclusion of their project (e.g., If your project concludes in 2024, you may apply again for the 2025-2026 cycle).
APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Applications will be accepted through InfoReady.

Your proposal should include the following 5 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 project hope to achieve (include proposed research questions/topics of exploration) and how does it contribute to the mission of the FRI?
     o ACTIVITIES: Include proposed project activities, methods used, and an estimated timeline
     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 PROJECT DELIVERABLES/DISSEMINATION PLAN: This may include journal articles, a book project, performance/s, community events, etc.
     o FUTURE RESEARCH PLANS: Explain how the seed grant would contribute to future research agendas and/or become sustainable (e.g., does it establish new partnerships, offer proof of concept data, provide training of junior scholars, lead to external funding applications, etc.)

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 Specify contingent budgets.
     o Please list any other funding sources (and amounts) you are receiving or applying for this project. This may include any percentage of match funding from your own discretionary account, startup funds from your department/college, or other sources of research funding. If applicable, explain why you need additional funding to the ones listed in your budget justification.

5. CURRICULUM VITAE
   • Max 10-page CV will be accepted. For projects with multiple collaborators please include a bio paragraph for each person including affiliation, major publications, and grant awards.

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, or 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 transgender 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 on the research project within a year of the award disbursement.
- Provide FRI with a written 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?**

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