



Center for Gender &
Sexualities Studies

Request for Proposals

Center for Gender and Sexualities Studies Women and Girls of Color Research Initiative Grant

Application Submission Date:
May 7, 2018

The Center for Gender and Sexualities Studies (CGSS) is pleased to announce the request for proposals for the CGSS Women and Girls of Color Research Initiative Grant. We request proposals from Marquette University faculty, and faculty-led teams in conjunction with staff, students, and local community members that examine issues and concerns facing women and girls of color in the United States, and in particular, the Midwest.

Description: In 2016, the CGSS and Marquette University joined a collaborative of universities and organizations who made an active commitment to invest in research and scholarship on the lives of women and girls of color. Depending on the project and available funds, the Research Initiative Grant will provide between \$10,000 to \$100,000 to select projects that examine this population. Some projects may be funded outright. Others may be selected for fundraising solicitations with selected benefactors. Funding can be used to begin, continue, and complete a research project on women and girls of color. Authorized expenses include: student research assistants, research related travel, supplies, study-related software, etc. The Initiative Grant cannot be used for conference travel, to supplement faculty salaries, computer equipment, or general purpose software. Each faculty applicant can request a stipend of up to \$2,000 per summer of funding.

All proposals will be reviewed by a grant review committee. Funding decisions will be made by the Provost with the CGSS Board recommendation. Preference will be given to applicants whose community-based projects have not received any extramural support, to interdisciplinary research teams, and to community engaged projects that have the potential to impact communities in southeast Wisconsin. Successfully funded faculty will be required to meet with ORSP to discuss external funding of their project. Funded research teams will also present their study findings to an audience on campus and/or in the local community.

Eligibility: All Marquette University tenure track and tenured faculty are eligible to apply. All other full and part time faculty, staff, students, and community members are welcome to partner with eligible faculty.

Proposal Requirements:

1. *Coversheet:* Please provide all names of applicants, department (organization or neighborhood [if a local community member]), and the title of the project.

2. *Abstract*: Include a 250-word summary of your proposed project that is clearly written for a nonspecialized audience.
3. *Project Description*: Clearly describe your project to a nonspecialized audience in no more than four single-spaced pages using Times New Roman 12-point font. The following subheadings are required:
 - a. *Significance and Broader Impact*: Provide a brief literature review and explanation of the project's value within the candidate's disciplines and/or organizations/communities. Proposals must explicitly state how the research adheres to the social justice mission at the core of both the CGSS and Marquette University. Proposals also must also clearly state the potential for community impact.
 - b. *Specific Research Objectives*: Explain the specific aims of the project (ex. hypothesis testing, problem being addressed, etc.) Discuss how this project differs from, or extends, currently funded work.
 - c. *Work Plan*: Describe the methods you plan to employ to compete this project. Explain how the tasks will be undertaken and be sure to provide a prospective timeline.
 - d. *Relationship to Research Goals*: Describe how the proposed work relates to each candidate's long-term research and project goals and/or community engaged work. Additionally, as we wish to encourage extramural grant applications, the potential for getting additional external funding is a factor in assessing which projects will be supported, explicitly discuss the plan for disseminating the results of the study either through publications, conferences, and/or community forums.
4. *References*: Include all references in a consistent format. This is not included in the four page limit.
5. *Proposed Budget and Justification*: Every component of the budget request must be fully explained. The budget template will need to be completed.
6. *Curriculum Vitae/Resume*: All academic applicants (faculty and students) are required to submit a CV. Make sure to highlight all publications, presentations, grants, and other items relevant to the proposed project. All other applicants (community members and staff) can submit either a CV or a resume.

Instruction for Submission: Proposals will only be accepted via email to cgss@marquette.edu. All email submissions should consist of two attachments:

1. a single PDF containing all of the items required for the proposal (see above: coversheet, abstract, project description, references, proposed budget justification, and include each applicant's CV)
2. the completed budget template.

The deadline for submission is 11:59 pm on May 7, 2018. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Please direct all questions to: cgss@marquette.edu. Decisions will be made by June 1st announced on the 15th.

An information session will be held at 2pm on April 5 in AMU 254.

About the CGSS:

The CGSS provides a bridge space supporting scholarly work and the lived experience of gender and sexualities. The CGSS is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, dialogue, growth, and empowerment around issues of gender and sexualities. We place emphasis on the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender and

sexualities and educate others on the implications of such intersections. The CGSS collaborates with other academic departments, faculty and staff to do course visits, educational events, and general consultations/services and support. It is our goal to educate students to recognize the vast diversity of gendered experiences and perspectives among people and to cultivate a disposition to embrace gender and sexuality diversity and to work for justice and equality as we strive to fulfill the Jesuit mission of Marquette University.