The Mission of the Institute for Women’s Leadership
The mission of the Institute for Women’s Leadership at Marquette University is to advance women’s leadership locally and globally through pioneering research, innovative programming, and collaborative engagement.

One component of the Institute for Women’s Leadership’s activities is to create an interdisciplinary and vibrant research environment that equitably and inclusively supports faculty and students as they engage in impactful, transformative scholarship.

Goals of the Interdisciplinary Summer Grant Program
The goals of the Institute for Women’s Leadership interdisciplinary grant program are to foster interdisciplinary research collaborations across the Marquette University community that further our understanding of gender and sex across the full range of human affairs, and to stimulate the development of such research into larger extramurally funded projects.

The study of both the personal and social construct of gender, as well as biological conceptions of sex, spans many disciplines. These disciplines have their own intellectual and theoretical roots, histories, methodologies, and approaches to understanding gender and sex. It is also recognized that gender and sex intersect with race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and other social categories. Interdisciplinary research that combines the perspectives from two or more disciplines have the potential to produce impactful, transformative research and lead to extramural funding.

Guidelines and Eligibility
The Interdisciplinary Summer Grant Program will support high quality, interdisciplinary research projects involving collaborators from two or more disciplinary backgrounds or traditions that advance our understanding of gender and/or sex in any domain of human endeavor and show promise of receiving extramural funding (e.g., a Philosophy researcher and a Nursing researcher collaborating; or an English Language researcher collaborating with a Business Ethics researcher and a Biology researcher; or four researchers from three different fields). Projects may be directed toward the gathering of primary data, the application of innovative approaches and analyses to provide novel insights from existing data, or creative endeavors that stimulate or strengthen competitive extramural grant applications. Funds will be awarded for one year and are nonrenewable.
Eligibility

- The principal investigator(s) must hold a faculty or staff appointment at Marquette University.
- Recipients of the award are expected to be employed at Marquette University during the duration of their project.
- Projects must include two or more internal or external collaborators that represent diverse disciplinary backgrounds that differ from each other.
- Recipients of the award must meet with a team from the Institute for Women’s Leadership and Office of Research and Sponsored Programs to explore the sustainability of their research within 12 months of receiving the funds.
- Recipients will be expected to give a talk on their research at an Institute for Women’s Leadership event.

Budget

The size and number of awards will vary depending upon the availability of funds, the number and quality of proposals received, and the size of requests. For example, a project proposed with 2 faculty employed at Marquette University may be funded at $10,000 where each faculty will receive $5,000; or a project with 2 faculty and 3 student researchers might be awarded $11,000, with faculty deferring a stipend, requesting the RAs each be paid $2,000 for the summer, and $5,000 to go toward participant incentives. In year 2 (summer of 2021) we anticipate awarding up to a total of $50k.

Funds may be requested for faculty and staff summer salary and/or eligible expenses. Eligible expenses include, for example, supplies or services, student assistants, or travel as required to conduct the research. Funds cannot be used for travel unless restrictions are lifted (due to current COVID-19 restrictions in place by the University), general purpose computer equipment, general-purpose software, or other supplies readily available around campus. Special hardware or software, if strongly linked to the proposed project, will be considered but must be justified. There will be no indirect costs.

Review of Proposals

Proposals will be reviewed by the IWL team and based on the following criteria:

- Scholarly Merit and Objectives
- Significance and Impact
- Interdisciplinary Nature
- Methods, Approaches, or Protocol
- Project Outcomes and Future Plans
- Project Timeline and Feasibility
- Investigator Qualification
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING YOUR INTERDISCIPLINARY SUMMER GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

Submission Instructions and Deadline: Please complete the application by typing in the required information on the form (see page 5 of this document). Send the document electronically as one Microsoft Word or PDF file laid out in the order indicated below to Jennica Webster (jennica.webster@marquette.edu) no later than 4:00 PM CST on March 5, 2021. The file should be saved as the last name of the Contact PI followed by “IWLgrantappS21” (e.g., “Webster_IWLgrantappS21”).

If any portion of the application exceeds the provided page limits and other requirements, the application will be ineligible for consideration. Please use 11-point Arial font.

A complete IWL Interdisciplinary Summer Grant funding application consists of the following items in the order listed below. Please label each section accordingly.

1) IWL Interdisciplinary Grant Cover Sheet(s) [Provided as the last page of this application form].

2) Abstract (separate page, 250 words)
   Provides a clear, concise description of the proposed project, its significance, impact, and interdisciplinary nature that a non-specialist would readily understand.

3) Project Description (limit - 4 pages)
   The Project Description must be no more than four single-spaced pages using 1" margins and 11-point Arial font. The project description must be written in such a way that scholars outside of your immediate disciplines can readily understand it. Use the below headings in order:
   a) Specific Research Objectives
      State and provide scholarly research objectives, and a literature-based rationale for those objectives.
b) Significance and Impact
Provide a short literature review and a clear and concise explanation of the projects significance and ability to advance the understanding of gender and/or sex in an area(s) of human endeavor.

c) Methods, Approaches, or Protocol
Summarize the methods, approaches, or protocol used to achieve the research objectives.

d) Interdisciplinary Nature
Describe the interdisciplinary nature of the project including how the various disciplines represented by the two or more collaborators in the proposal contribute to the project.

e) Project Outcomes and Future Plans
Describe the intended outcomes of the project and how the project will stimulate or strengthen extramural funding application(s).

f) Project Timeline and Feasibility

4) References
Provide a bibliography of any references cited in the Project Description. This section is not included in the 4-page limit of the Project Description.

5) Project Budget and Budget Justification (limit – 1 page)
Each component of the budget request must be explained with the amount and a total presented. Include as subheadings: personnel, equipment, supplies, travel and other if applicable.

6) Brief Biography and Current Curriculum Vita (limit 5 pages per individual).
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Descriptive Project Title (Limited to 120 characters, including spaces)

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