



## INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP RESEARCH DIRECTOR POSITION

The Institute for Women's Leadership is seeking an experienced and visionary faculty member to serve as its first Research Director. This 2-year (renewable) position was created to expand IWL's mission of conducting pioneering, high-impact research about gender and leadership.

Over the past 5 years IWL has funded numerous Marquette University scholars pursuing research projects across varied disciplines. Additionally, IWL has worked on several successful community research collaborations, including projects exploring [law firm equity in Milwaukee](#), [the effects of stay-at-home orders on survivors of domestic violence](#), and [women board representation](#) in Wisconsin's top public and private companies. IWL's new Research Director will shape and lead a research agenda that builds upon this progress and drives transformative research both on and off campus.

As a member of IWL's collaborative team, the Research Director will work with the IWL Director, IWL Coordinator, and IWL Leadership Development Coordinator. Additionally, IWL boasts a dynamic Faculty Advisory Council and External Advisory Council, and deep community connections. This vibrant IWL community provides numerous opportunities to develop collaborations and widely disseminate impactful research findings.

This 12-month position will report to the IWL Director and the Vice President for Research and Innovation. The MU faculty member will receive a stipend and be eligible to buy out a course, dependent on approval from their Chair/Dean.

The term for this position is: July 2026 – July 2028 (two calendar years, with opportunity to renew).

### Research Director Responsibilities:

- Develop a research agenda in collaboration with relevant IWL stakeholders
- Create strategic community research partnerships and initiate 1-2 projects
- Oversee IWL grant funding and faculty fellow opportunities
- Identify innovative strategies for promoting and disseminating IWL research

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**Preferred Experience:**

- Commitment to conducting gender-related research to support IWL's mission and vision
- Experience and interest in working with community members from different sectors (e.g., non-profit, corporate)
- Ability to engage with researchers on campus as well as in the community

If any questions arise about this position, please feel free to reach out to Lisa Edwards, IWL Director ([lisa.edwards@marquette.edu](mailto:lisa.edwards@marquette.edu)). [To apply, please send a cover letter describing your interest in the position and a copy of your CV to Lisa Edwards.](#) Review of applications will begin May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and continue until a research director is identified.

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