



## **Application for Research Working Groups**

### **Purpose**

EWU's Women's and Gender Studies Research Working Groups provide a structure to support faculty, staff, and graduate students to sustain critical research on intersectional feminist issues and topics, broadly defined. Working groups strive to create productive intellectual exchange among members, facilitate deeper understanding of the identified research topic, and create innovative ideas related to the topic.

### **Composition**

Each Research Working Group should be composed of at least four members. Groups can be comprised of faculty, staff, and/or graduate students, but must be at least 50% EWU faculty or staff. Working Groups must be led by an EWU faculty member (this person cannot be WGS faculty). In addition to the list above, Women's and Gender Studies welcomes the recruitment and inclusion of members from academic institutions in the area (Gonzaga, Whitworth, WSU, Whitman, Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College, etc.), as well as community members with local expertise and/or a dedication to the research topic.

### **Application Process**

To apply to be a Research Working Group, interested parties should:

1. Recruit at least four group members and determine meeting frequency. An EWU faculty member must serve as group organizer or leader.
2. Work out a budget proposal. Groups can apply for funds up to \$800 to be spent between January 1 and April 20, 2020.
3. Complete the application (last page of this form) and submit it as a single PDF.

### **Deadline**

Applications are due by November 15, 2019. Decisions will be made by a committee of faculty and staff affiliated with Women's and Gender Studies. Applicants will be notified of decisions by December 13, 2019.

### **Provisions**

Research Working Group grants may include support for expenses such as copies, purchase of materials, or modest honoraria for a speaker. All expenses must follow

state of Washington spending guidelines. Financial support will be provided via journal voucher to the group leader's department/program. Women's and Gender Studies support can also include assistance in providing space for group meetings.

To this end, groups can apply for funding up to \$800. Budget proposals must include a detailed description of how requested funds will be used. Women's and Gender Studies may not be able to cover all budget items requested and groups are encouraged to be creative in meeting their resource needs.

### **Research Working Group Requirements**

Ideally, a Research Working Group should gather two times a month between January and May. At minimum, a group should meet once a month. Groups may reapply for a one more Research Working Group grant on the same topic, but will reenter the pool with all new applicants. Research Working Groups that have received the maximum of two grants are encouraged to apply to other funding sources.

Working Groups are valued for generating debate and research focusing on intersectional feminist topics. It is also necessary for Women's and Gender Studies to share tangible examples of group work. With that in mind, we will ask Working Groups to submit the following materials by April 25, 2020:

- A one-page report detailing the group's goals, discussions, and conclusions. This report should be appropriate for posting on the Women's and Gender Studies website.
- A one-page analysis reflecting on the group's progress, which includes answers to the following questions:
  - Did you accomplish your application's stated goal? Why or why not?
  - How did the group evolve?
  - Do you have future plans?
  - What did you find most beneficial about the group?
  - What did you find most difficult about the group?

These questions will aid Women's and Gender Studies in analyzing and improving our Research Working Group program.

### **More Information or Questions**

Questions about WGS Research Working Groups can be directed to Dr. Judy Rohrer: [judy.rohrer@ewu.edu](mailto:judy.rohrer@ewu.edu)



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Working Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Primary Contact Details:**

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Department/Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Answer the following questions in a separate document**

1. Describe the group's research themes and goals; what do you hope to achieve or provide through your work? (300-500 words)
2. How does your proposed Research Working Group engage with critical research on intersectional feminist issues or topics?
3. What is the anticipated composition of your working group? (Ex: faculty, staff, faculty from neighboring institutions, graduate students, community members, etc.) Please list at least four members, two of whom are EWU faculty or staff.
4. How often do you anticipate that your Working Group will meet? Are you interested in meeting in the WAGE Center space (MON 207)?
5. What budget are you proposing for your Working Group? Please list proposed expenses and give a brief narrative explanation. If you are receiving other funding, please include this information in your budget.

**Deadline: November 15, 2019**

**Email your application as a single PDF to [cmartin22@ewu.edu](mailto:cmartin22@ewu.edu)**