WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

TOMLANOVICH-DIMOND EQUITY RESEARCH FUND

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- The Tomlanovich-Dimond Equity Research Fund will provide up to $10,000 total ($5,000 for the faculty member and $5,000 for the undergraduate student) for the academic year to support a research project conducted by a faculty member and undergraduate student team that builds upon the vision of the Women's Leadership Institute to advance leadership equity for women globally.

- The funded proposal may be awarded for a research project that focuses on topics, including but not limited to, gender equity and the intersection of gender with race, ethnicity, social class, and/or other social identities.

- The research will build upon a prior body of work that addresses equity issues. Equity must be seen as the central focus of the proposed study.

- The proposed study will demonstrate alignment with the WLI's vision to advance leadership equity for women globally.

- The funded proposal will produce a paper or poster that will be presented to the WLI Board, at the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF) at MSU, and at a professional conference.

- A Call for Proposals will be circulated among faculty members who hold a majority appointment in the College of Social Science. In addition, an invitation will be sent to faculty whose research interests align with the Equity Research Fund.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

- Faculty members (tenure stream and fixed term) holding majority appointments in the College of Social Science are eligible to apply.

- The undergraduate students must have completed at least 56 credit hours, and be a major in one of the academic degree programs offered in the College of Social Science.

- If the research involves human or animal subjects, funds will not be available for use until the faculty member (PI) submits the IACUC or Human Research Protection Program approval letter.

- The faculty member will receive up to $5,000 from the fund for associated research expenses, such as data collection, data analysis, materials, conference attendance. The faculty member may not use the award for faculty salary or course buyouts. No more than $1,000 may be used to cover costs of attendance at a scholarly conference.

- The undergraduate student will receive up to $5,000 from the fund in the form of a scholarship for the academic year.

"NAMED" EQUITY RESEARCH SCHOLAR

- Applications should be submitted to the Women's Leadership Institute, as a single PDF document, via email to Amanda Guinot Talbot, PhD, WLI Director at guinotam@msu.edu by April 30th 2024.

- Application packets should include the following:

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1. A 2-3 page proposal (single-spaced) describing the research project (research question, methods, and importance of research) and the expected role for the undergraduate student selected for the project.
2. The Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the faculty member.
3. The CV or resume of the undergraduate student.
4. A 1-2 page statement of how this project aligns with and expands the applicants' current research interests.
5. How the proposed research project contributes to field of gender equity and intersectionality with race, ethnicity, social class, and/or other social identities.
6. Detailed 1-page budget with budget justification.

SELECTION OF PROPOSALS

- Applications from qualified faculty members will be presented to Ann Tomlanovich and Margaret Dimond.
- Proposals are evaluated by Amanda Guinot Talbot, WLI Director and Cristina Bodea, WLI Mason Soneral Fellow. Final approval of the proposal will be made by Brent Donnellan, Dean of the College of Social Science.
- Ann Tomlanovich, Margaret Dimond and the WLI Executive Board will have the opportunity to meet the Tomlanovich-Dimond Equity Research Fund recipients.
- Funds may only be used for expenses related to the project. Funds may not be used for compensation, course buyouts, or uses in conflict with University policy regarding expenditure of general funds.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Quality and Technical Merit

- Builds on prior research
- Research topic aligns with WLI vision
- Research focuses centrally on equity issues
- Research question, methodology and importance of research is clearly stated
- Project is feasible to accomplish

Capabilities, Demonstrated Productivity, and Experience of Applicant

- Applicants meets criteria:
  - Faculty member tenure system or fixed term with majority appointment in SSC
- Undergraduate student is major in SSC and has completed at least 56 credit hours
- Applicants have prior research experience in this area of research
- Faculty member has previously worked successfully with undergraduate students

Budget

- Costs equivalent to the work
- Appropriate use of funds

POINT OF CONTACT

Direct all inquiries to Dr. Amanda Guinot Talbot, the WLI Director at guinotam@msu.edu.