

The Tomlanovich-Dimond Leadership Research Advancement Fund

The Tomlanovich-Dimond Leadership Research Advancement 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 for women globally.

The funded proposal may be awarded for a research project that focuses on topics related to women's leadership. The 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.

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.
- 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 November 16, 2025.

Application packets should include the following:

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 the scholarly understanding of women's leadership
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 Emily Durbin, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. 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 women's leadership
- Research question, methodology and importance of research is clearly stated
- Project is feasible to accomplish