

Feminist Research Seminar Frequently Asked Questions

Can international scholars apply to be organizers, or attend the seminar?

IRWG covers all travel expenses for **up to 10 total participants** (airfare, hotel, ground transportation, meals), but due to budget constraints, we can only accommodate **one international participant** per seminar.

I would like to apply to be a seminar organizer, but am not in a tenure track role (yet). How might my lack of tenure track status influence my application to the seminar?

The requirement of the program is that organizers must be tenure-track faculty.

Are graduate students eligible to be co-organizers in proposed seminars? May graduate students be co-organizers if a faculty member is also an organizer?

No. The requirement of the program is that organizers must be tenure-track faculty.

Can I invite graduate students, visiting professors, or other untenured scholars to participate in my seminar?

There aren't strict rules about the statuses of the participants. We strongly encourage you to invite both junior and senior faculty, and hope that at least 2-3 would be untenured ladder faculty. You may wish to include an explanation for inclusion of graduate students or non-academics in your proposal.

Should I submit a full CV or an abridged one?

Please submit an abridged CV (limit to 5 pages if possible).

The material online states that they bring together 10 researchers including 1-3 organizers. Is it necessary that they be 10 people each or can they be smaller?

The maximum number of people we can fund is 10, but there is no minimum number. Please include a brief explanation for the group size and proposed participants in your proposal.

Do applications need to include some kind of budget?

No need to include a budget, just the narrative, organizer CVs, and list of potential participants.

Can you send me an example of a successful application for the IRWG feminist research seminars?

Please contact Jocelyn Stitt, Program Director for Faculty Research Development, at jocstitt@umich.edu for specific questions related to the content of your proposal.

Should the narrative we are asked to submit be single or double-spaced?

It does not matter. Please use whatever space formatting fits your needs.

Should the seminar should be focused on a research quandary that each individual participant is grappling with - which would necessitate discussing the work of the participants specifically a bit more - or a more overarching shared quandary?

The seminar should address an overarching shared quandary or theme. Typically, individuals share their own work related to the overarching theme, and the group provides feedback, resources, and ideas. For the proposal, we only need to see the overarching theme and goals. The organizers determine how they want to structure the seminar meetings.

Do I need to have a confirmed list of participants in order to submit a proposal?

No. We would like to see a list of potential participants, along with their titles and institutional affiliations, in the proposal, but you do not need to secure their participation before submitting your proposal -- think of it as your "dream team" of participants.

What are the expectations for the seminar format?

These seminars are not intended for the formal presentation of papers. The seminar is a space for meaningful conversation in an intimate, and uninterrupted setting. The exact format is up to the organizers.

Is there a limit as to how many colleagues can participate from the same institution (including the seminar organizers)?

No. There is no limit as to how many scholars can participate from the same institution.

If my proposal is selected, what happens next?

IRWG event planning staff will contact seminar organizers to begin the planning process, including date selection. Feminist Research Seminars should be scheduled between April - August, only. After you have chosen the dates for your seminar, you will be in a position to invite participants and begin planning the format and agenda for the seminar. Please limit the total number of seminar participants (including organizers) to 10.

IRWG staff will work directly with organizers to oversee all the logistics of seminar planning (participant travel, lodging, meals, meeting spaces, A/V, etc.). It is expected that all participants will spend the full 2.5 days and 3 evenings at the seminar.

I am interested in participating in a seminar. How can I participate?

Feminist Research Seminars are not public events. Only tenure-track faculty members can apply to organize a seminar through a competitive application process, and the selected proposals receive funding and logistical support to host their meeting at our institute. The organizing faculty member then invites a small group of scholars to discuss a collaborative research project. The organizing faculty member decides the research topic and whom to invite as participants.