**Request for Proposals**

IWL Consortium Initiative on Women & Health

Interdisciplinary Innovations and Collaborations Fund- 2nd Request for Proposals

Spring 2014

**Background:** The Institute for Women’s Leadership Consortium is pleased to announce the IWL Consortium Initiative on Women & Health’s 2nd RFP. As in the previous year, this ambitious endeavor recognizes that women’s health around the world is shaped as much by social, cultural, economic, political and environmental forces as by biology. The IWL Initiative on Women & Health encompasses a 30-month series of courses, activities and programs designed to stimulate university-wide engagement around this topic. This collaborative initiative offers unprecedented expertise and Rutgers resources to analyze women’s health and the structural conditions that shape it at the local, national, and global levels.

**Purpose:** As part of the IWL Consortium Initiative on Women & Health, this 2nd Request for Proposals aims to provide modest financial support for teams of faculty from any of the three Rutgers’ campuses to develop new graduate and undergraduate interdisciplinary courses that focus on women and health.

Employing a competitive grants process this fund, which has been supported by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Chancellors of Rutgers/Newark and Camden, and the Chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, will enable various faculty groups to develop new courses utilizing Rutgers’ faculty expertise across various disciplines, departments and divisions. The initiative is especially concerned that these courses examine the multiple factors that contribute to health disparities among women and how to overcome them either in the United States and/or overseas. For a full description of Women & Health Initiative, we encourage applicants to view our website at [http://iwl.rutgers.edu/research_wh_home.html](http://iwl.rutgers.edu/research_wh_home.html).

**Funding:** We anticipate making up to 6-8 awards of a maximum of $5,000 each. Applications will be due by April 2nd, and recipients will be contacted by May 1, 2013. Funds will be available for projects/programs beginning July 1, 2014 and all funds must be expended by June 30, 2015. Courses developed with the help of this fund must be offered no later than Fall semester 2016.

**Eligibility:** Each proposal must be submitted as a collaboration between at least two tenured or tenure track faculty members at Rutgers and it must include an interdisciplinary focus or approach on the topic of women and health. The proposal’s theme should describe how the activity will engage the Rutgers community across disciplines (i.e humanities, arts, social sciences, allied health professions, clinical work, basic science, etc), schools, institutes and centers. Priority will be given to those proposals that geographically represent more than one Rutgers campus and/or collaborate with faculty from the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences division. Additionally, proposals for Byrne Seminars that focus on women and health are encouraged.
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Criteria: Each proposal will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1) Clarity of focus on interdisciplinary approaches to women and health
2) Contribution to building Rutgers’ capacity and engagement in the area of women and health
3) Ways in which the proposed project establishes or contributes to ongoing teaching at Rutgers on topics relating to women and health.

Application format:
- **Title page:** Title of project, name of project director with contact information, names and signatures of participants with their respective affiliations. See attached form.

- **Project Description:** (Maximum narrative length- 3 single spaced pages (11 point font, 1 inch margins) The narrative should include: a tentative syllabus or description of the proposed new course and a statement describing how the project meets the goals of the IW Consortium Initiative on Women and Health. Also, the narrative should indicate when the course will be offered and how it fits into the sponsoring department’s overall curriculum.

- **Budget indicating how money will be allocated**—see attached form*

To apply, complete the application form attached and submit electronically by April 2, 2014 tjw104@rci.rutgers.edu.

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*No funds may be used to purchase equipment or for student financial aid. However, funds may be used to employ undergraduate or graduate students.