The Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair in Media, Culture, and Feminist Studies

Rutgers University's School of Communication and Information, the Institute for Women's Leadership, and the Department of Women's and Gender Studies in the School of Arts and Sciences, are joining together to seek a prominent leader in the area of media, culture, and feminist studies to launch the prestigious Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair.

The Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair in Media, Culture, and Feminist Studies reflects and builds on the work and world view of Gloria Steinem, feminist, organizer, and journalist whose values are characterized by creativity, health, social justice, organizations, communities, policy, leadership, and their interrelations. It is unique in its mature and dynamic combination of courses in communication, information science, journalism, media, and/or activist worlds and will engage with communication, information science, journalism, media, and/or activist worlds.

The successful candidate will be the first Gloria Steinem Chair and therefore will play an important role in shaping the chair's development, ensuring that its work is world-leading in envisioning its positive impact on gender equality in society. The successful applicant's expertise and interest may be grounded in gender, communication, media, or information. He or she will be excited by students and teaching; a leader who fosters a robust collaboration among related scholars and practitioners and build a hub for innovation in teaching and practice. We seek a leader who is creative, dynamic, and energetic, an effective and trusted communicator who is excited about collaborating and leading a diverse and dynamic team of colleagues and students, and about engaging in national and international arenas.

The successful candidate will also have a demonstrable record of public engagement as a public intellectual, scholar, professor, and/or activist in related areas.

The Position

This is a two to three year rotating position. The individuals chosen for this chair may come from the academic, media, or activist worlds and will be, first and foremost, interested in and excited by students and education. Responsibilities of the position include undergraduate and graduate teaching assignments in communication, media, information, and women studies; an active program of engagement beyond the university (e.g., partnerships with community organizations, media, and arts programs); and communicating on behalf of the Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair with all relevant stakeholders. The expected start date for the position is September 2018.

The Environment

Rutgers University's School of Communication and Information (SC&I) houses a dynamic and engaged community of scholars studying real world problems related to knowledge, technology, culture, media, creativity, health, social justice, organizations, communities, policy, leadership, and their interrelations. It is unique in its mature and dynamic combination of courses in communication, information science, journalism, media, and/or activist worlds. The school teaches over 10,000 students, of whom 2,500 are its own undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students. Geographically adjacent and closely connected to the world's largest university, to explore academic partnerships and collaborations (e.g., workshops, internships, symposia, guest lectures, projects, etc.); and communicating on behalf of the Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair with all relevant stakeholders.

For more about the position see: http://comminfo.rutgers.edu

Rutgers University's Department of Women's and Gender Studies teaches approximately 4,000 undergraduates and over 200 graduate students annually. In its major and four minors it introduces path-breaking research that addresses concerns of particular interdisciplinary constituencies in the areas of women and gender studies. It also embraces expanding media, information, and cultural studies. The school teaches over 10,000 students, of whom 2,500 are its own undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students. Geographically adjacent and closely connected to the world's largest media and information hubs and supported by Rutgers' vibrant scholarly community, the school is dedicated to the mission of examining and advancing women's leadership for a just world. Consortium members include: Rutgers Residential College, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Center for American Women and Politics, Institute for Research on Women, Center for Women and Gender Studies, Center for the Arts, Center on Violence Against Women and Children. For more about IWL see: http://iw.rutgers.edu

How to Apply

Applicants should apply at http://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/57525. Include a CV and a cover letter that addresses proposed research and teaching agenda, community collaborations (e.g., workshops, internships, symposia, guest lectures, projects, etc); and communicating on behalf of the Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair with all relevant stakeholders. For queries regarding the position, contact Professor Dafna Lemish, search committee chair, at dlemish@rutgers.edu.

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