

**FIVE COLLEGE WOMEN'S
STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER**

2022-23 Research Associates CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Are you a feminist thinker, writer, artist, scholar, or activist seeking interdisciplinary community to help build your work?

Are you local to the Five Colleges or Western Massachusetts and trying to carve out dedicated time to move your ideas forward?

Are you a non-local or international feminist thinker looking to be in conversation with a vibrant scholarly and cultural community?

The Five College Women's Studies Research Center is now accepting applications for its 2022-23 Research Associates program. Located on Hampshire College campus, the Center provides access to resources in the Five College Consortium and surrounding area. This self-funded residency provides access to important archival and museum collections, as well as opportunities for Research Associates to network with preeminent scholars, workshop and present their projects, and build feminist community across discipline, methodology, and geography.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
February 18, 2022

ZOOM INFO SESSION
January 19, 2022
11am-12:30pm EST



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ABOUT THE CENTER

Founded in 1991, the Five College Women's Studies Research Center is a vibrant site of local, national, and international engaged, critical feminist scholarship, cultural production, and activism from diverse perspectives. The Center has a rich history of supporting transnational work, with a recognition of the diverse pathways and plurality of forms that feminist creative and academic scholarship can take. Located on the campus of [Hampshire College](#), the Center is supported by the [Five College Consortium](#), which includes Hampshire College as well as [Amherst College](#), [Mount Holyoke College](#), [Smith College](#), and the [University of Massachusetts Amherst](#). Since 1966, the five institutions have been noted for their cooperation and innovation in higher education and boast one of the largest concentrations of women's and gender studies scholars anywhere in the world.

The Center also has connections to Five College and surrounding area libraries, archives, and resources, which Research Associates are encouraged to take advantage of in order to advance work on their projects.

[Learn more about the resources that the Five Colleges and surrounding area have to offer.](#)

RESIDENCY DETAILS

The Center's hub at Hampshire College includes dedicated, quiet office space, a large seminar room, a community office, and expansive outdoor space. Associates spend at least half of each week (with limited exceptions) at the Center for the duration of a single semester or full academic year. Regular weekly programming (with times to be determined in conversation with Associates) and special events offer access to: an interdisciplinary feminist community; writing accountability groups; opportunities to share work-in-progress, both with the cohort and broader audiences; and professional development and networking opportunities with leading scholars and feminist makers.

[Learn about the current cohort of Research Associates and their diverse array of projects.](#)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Center is committed to supporting engaged, critical feminist scholarship and values diversity in terms of background, experience, geography, discipline, perspective, and practice. To that end, activists, practitioners, artists, and independent and affiliated scholars (including graduate students in the later stages of their degree) are encouraged to apply. Applicants' work may be situated within and informed by the expansive fields of women's and gender studies, feminist studies, or queer and trans studies, as well as specialist and emerging areas of inquiry and community-based or creative forms of knowledge production and circulation. Local (to the Five College area), non-local U.S.-based, and international applicants are welcome.

This is a self-funded residency. Travel, housing and living expenses are the responsibility of Associates. In keeping with the Center's ongoing commitment to supporting international and transnational feminist scholarship, a remote residency may be an option if international travel is unfeasible.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should complete an online application, which involves making an account with Interfolio. They should be prepared to provide the following information via the online form:

1. Name and contact information
2. Current position/title and institution/organization (or indicate unaffiliated/independent status), as well as office contact information, if applicable
3. Desired length of residency (Fall 2022 semester, spring 2023 semester, or full academic year)
4. Title of the project
5. Project abstract (under 150 words)
6. A brief bio (under 150 words)
7. An explanation of sources of funding (grants, fellowships, self, etc)
8. For scholars whose research involves collection of data from human subjects (via oral histories, interviews, questions, surveys, etc), they should indicate whether their work has been approved by an appropriate ethics committee
9. Contact information for two professional references
10. For international applicants:
 - a. Country of citizenship
 - b. For J-1 Exchange Visitors, whether the English proficiency requirement for a U.S. visa is met
 - c. Interest in a remote residency should international travel be unfeasible
 - d. Any additional information that the selection committee should know

Applicants will also be asked to upload two PDF documents: 1) a curriculum vitae and 2) a project proposal of up to three pages in length, single spaced. The project proposal should describe:

1. the project in detail, including methodologies employed and a breakdown of the work that the applicant plans to undertake at the Center.
2. the project's contribution to and significance in the fields of Women's and Gender Studies, Feminist Studies, and/or Queer and Trans Studies.
3. how undertaking the project for a semester/academic year at the Center would be of value. Applicants might consider access to museum/archival resources, specific networks and interactions with Five College scholars and collaborators, having dedicated space, time, and community, etc.

**Application Deadline is Friday, February 18, 2022.
[Application link here.](#)**

**An Information Session with current Research Associates, the Director,
and the Program Coordinator will be held over Zoom
on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 11am-12:30pm EST.
[Register for Information Session here.](#)**

**Please direct any questions to the Program Coordinator
at mbergeronclearwood@fivecolleges.edu.**