

## **Five College Women's Studies Research Center 2024-25 Research Collaboratory: Call for Applications**

Location: Hampshire College

Priority deadline: March 31, 2024

Website: [Link](#)

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The Five College Women's Studies Research Center (FCWSRC) is seeking up to three Five College undergraduate students to join the Research Collaboratory for the Fall 2024 semester or for the full 2024-25 academic year. The Research Collaboratory operates during the academic year as an opportunity for undergraduate students to embody a number of positions and gain experience in multiple areas of research and project development. Those in the role will cycle between working on the ongoing Center project "Mapping Transnational Flows of Feminist Knowledge," processing archival materials, and providing research assistance to FCWSRC Research Associates as needed. Collaborators may work on event promotion and organization projects. Applicants must have strong organizational and communication skills, be capable of working both independently and collaboratively, and have experience and/or demonstrated interest in feminist scholarship. Experience with archival research and familiarity with transnational feminisms would be assets.

### **About the Five College Women's Studies Research 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. The Center provides space, community, and opportunities for Five College feminist scholars and hosts visiting scholars from around the world through the long-standing Research Associate Program. 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.

### **Mapping Transnational Flows of Feminist Knowledge Project**

What is the practice of feminist knowledge-making, and what is its scope? How have the people who have traveled through the Center embodied roles as knowledge-makers, contributors, and interlocutors? What enables, complicates, or forecloses mobility for feminist scholars, activists, and artists, and for feminist knowledge production? What are the (after)lives and cumulative shape of knowledge-flows, as they arrive, pass through, return, and move far beyond the Center?

These are a few of the larger questions at hand for the ongoing project "Mapping Transnational Flows of Feminist Knowledge." This project seeks to map the now 30-plus-year history of the FCWSRC, engaging with the work of Five College community members and scholars, activists, and artists who have interacted with the Center and/or participated in the Research Associate

Program. Through a combination of archival research, digital records research and maintenance, and responsive methods for community/history building, Collaborators will conduct research on the transnational movement and interaction of ideas, projects, and people throughout the history of the Center.

### **Eligibility**

Students across the Five Colleges are welcome to apply to the Research Collaboratory. There is an expected commitment of 5 to 10 hours per week. While the position is unpaid, the Center is more than happy to work with Collaborators who may be eligible to earn academic credit for the work as an independent study, experiential learning placement or, for Hampshire College students, as CEL-2 credit.

### **How to Apply**

Please complete [this application form](#), which asks for a one-page cover letter and resume. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until filled. For priority consideration, please submit application materials by **March 31, 2024**.