

Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday, October 26, 2026

The Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS) invites fellowship applications for research on any aspect of the study of women and/or gender from across the disciplines on topics that align with the Center's mission to fund research, scholarship, and creative work that addresses the complexities of women's lives and the complicated nature of gender identities and inequalities.

Faculty at all ranks (career and TTF) are encouraged to submit fellowship applications for research-based and creative projects. CSWS will give priority to projects focused on the intersections of race and gender in order to advance the study of historically underrepresented groups in the United States. Faculty from diverse backgrounds and disciplines are encouraged to apply.

CSWS offers up to two Faculty Research Fellowships each year, one of which gives preference to a tenured faculty member at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. **Fellowships may be taken as a course release (up to \$20,000) for a term of reduced or no teaching to pursue research as part of a community of scholars.** Fellows will continue to receive their regular pay during the course release term (conditions apply; see below). Fellowships may also be taken as research funds (up to \$15,000).

In addition, faculty may use the fellowship application form to apply for a CSWS Faculty Research Grant (up to \$6,000).

Fellowship and grant award funds are for use from July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028. Awards are subject to the following conditions set by CSWS.

PART I: OVERVIEW OF FELLOWSHIP

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. All full-time University of Oregon faculty of any rank with a teaching appointment and with a terminal degree in the discipline appropriate to the focus of the application are eligible for the CSWS Faculty Research Fellowship. CSWS staff members are not eligible to apply.
2. Faculty must be employed by the UO in the year they apply and have a full-time (1.0 FTE) appointment at UO during the academic year of the research fellowship. Visiting faculty are not eligible.
3. Faculty may not hold other substantial internal UO research award/fellowship (of more than \$7,000) during the same fiscal year (July 1, 2027–June 30, 2028). Faculty may, however, accept an external award for the same fiscal year as the CSWS fellowship. The CSWS fellowship must not be taken during the same term as the external award.
4. If an applicant has received funding from any other source(s) for the same or a closely related research project, the applicant must indicate when, from whom, and how much support they



have previously received, and how the current proposal differs from the project previously funded. Previous funding for a closely related project will be taken into consideration when the application is reviewed.

5. If for any reason a research fellow's circumstances change (e.g., due to sabbatical leave, leave without pay, or the receipt of any grant or award that conflicts with the conditions of this fellowship) and the fellow is unable to use the award during the fiscal year for which it was granted, the fellowship must be forfeited. CSWS fellowships cannot be deferred.
6. If a fellowship recipient is issued a terminal contract before the fellowship year begins, or if a recipient leaves UO before or during the fellowship year, the fellowship must be forfeited.
7. Faculty who have received a CSWS research grant or fellowship within the previous three academic years are not eligible to apply for a Research Fellowship for 2027-28.
8. An applicant with a dual appointment must list both departments and department heads on the application form. Applicant should make clear (in the narrative proposal and application) which unit is releasing applicant from teaching a course, and how the course release or research funds should be applied (to one unit, percentage split between units, etc.). Approval of both department heads is required.

B. FELLOWSHIP CONDITIONS

Upon notification of award of a CSWS Faculty Research Fellowship, the recipient must sign an agreement outlining their commitment to the following conditions and post-fellowship obligations. Fellows must immediately notify CSWS of other support or any conflicts with the restrictions and conditions of this research fellowship program. Fellows who do not fulfill these requirements will be ineligible to apply for future CSWS fellowships.

1. **Funded Amount:** One course release (up to \$20,000, not including OPE) –OR– research funds of up to \$15,000.
2. **Disbursal of Funds:** CSWS will provide the home unit with funding for one course release (up to \$20,000, not including OPE). This rate will apply to all CSWS fellows irrespective of department, school, or college. Law School faculty teach on semesters and must negotiate conditions of course release with their dean. Please see Use of Funds below for more information on OPE.

For disbursal of research funds, the UO requires that special research indexes be created in home departments for the transfer of the award. The CSWS business manager will work with your home unit's business manager to create these special indexes. We anticipate that research award funds will be disbursed to home departments by the start of faculty contracts (September 16). Please be patient while we work to create these special indexes.

3. **IRB Approval:** If the proposed research involves human subjects, IRB approval must be submitted to CSWS before the fellowship term begins. The applicant is responsible for obtaining approval from the UO Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects/Institutional Review Board. Contact the Office for Responsible Conduct of Research, Suite 105, Riverfront Research Park, 1600 Millrace Dr., or call (541) 346-2510. No funds will be transferred until the award recipient has received approval and the IRB letter has been submitted to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu.
4. **Fellowship Activities:** CSWS Faculty Research Fellows are expected to conduct research during the academic term specified on the application; give one CSWS Work-in-Progress presentation during the fellowship year (fall, winter, or spring 2027-28); attend gatherings of CSWS grant recipients during the fellowship year; give one public, off-campus presentation somewhere in Oregon for a non-academic audience on some aspect of their research within one calendar year of the end of the fellowship term; and contribute to CSWS publishing platforms (video interview, article, etc.) on some aspect of their research.

C. RESEARCH GRANT CONDITIONS

Upon notification of award of a CSWS Faculty Research Grant, the recipient must sign an agreement outlining their commitment to the following conditions and post-fellowship obligations. Grantees must immediately notify CSWS of other support or any conflicts with the restrictions and conditions of this research fellowship program. Grantees who do not fulfill these requirements will be ineligible to apply for future CSWS fellowships.

1. **Funded Amount:** Up to \$6,000 in research funds.
2. **Disbursal of Funds:** The UO requires that special research indexes be created in home departments for the transfer of CSWS research funds. The CSWS business manager will work with your home unit's business manager to create these special indexes. We anticipate that research award funds will be disbursed to home departments by the start of faculty contracts (September 16). Please be patient while we work to create these special indexes.

If you are using CSWS research award funds for release from teaching, you may need to find supplementary funds to cover the full cost of a course buyout and OPE. Please see "use of funds" below for information about OPE.

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4. **Share Your Research:** You may be asked to do this by giving a presentation at CSWS, attending gatherings of CSWS grant recipients during the fellowship year, presenting your research in another format, and/or contributing to CSWS research publications (such as Research Matters or the CSWS Annual Review) at some point within a three-year period.
5. **Unused Funds and Extensions:** Faculty Research Grants are for use during the funded academic year, from July 1 through June 30. At the end of the grant period, any unused funds in special indexes will be returned to CSWS.

A one-year extension for use of funds may be granted on a case-by-case basis, with approval by the CSWS Director at least three months prior to the end of the grant period. At the end of the one-year extension, any unused funds in special indexes will be returned to CSWS.

D. USE OF AWARD FUNDS

1. **Personnel Expenses:** These may include undergraduate or graduate student employee assistance, consultant fees, and faculty release time from the academic year. The grant applicant is the only person eligible for faculty course buyout.
2. **Technical, Travel, and Other Expenses:** These expenses may include materials for the production of creative work, data collection and analysis costs, photocopying, books and journals, conference or research travel, video and audio recordings/DVDs; and other project-related expenses included in the budget.
3. **OPE and Supplementary Funds Policy:** CSWS does not cover OPE for course releases. Please submit documentation of supplementary fund and/or OPE support with your application if you are applying for a faculty course release. This can be included in your application proposal narrative PDF or submitted by email to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu.

Since the Faculty Research Grant does not exceed \$6,000, any additional funds towards a course buyout during the academic year, as well as OPE, needs to be supplemented by faculty.

E. POST-AWARD OBLIGATIONS

1. **External Grant Applications:**
 - a. Funds that will be used for the preparation of grant applications to external funding agencies require prior review and approval by CSWS.
 - b. CSWS must receive acknowledgement if external funds are generated from grant applications supported by CSWS grants, with indirect cost credits assigned to CSWS.
2. **General Requirements:**

- a. **Serve on a CSWS grant committee:** We rely on successful recipients to forward the research mission of CSWS by bringing their expertise to bear as grant reviewers. Therefore, we expect successful applicants to serve twice on CSWS grant review committees.
- b. **Submit a Grant Report:** Submit a [one-page final report](#) of no more than 250 words about your research progress and outcomes at the end of the award year. This report is due to CSWS by September 30 (three months from the end of the funding period). **Failure to submit final reports will result in ineligibility for future CSWS funding.** (Note: Writing an article for the *Annual Review* does not fulfill this obligation, though your report may be adapted from an article.)
- c. **Acknowledge CSWS and Follow-up:** Tracking the outcomes and impacts of CSWS funded research is very important to our mission. [Notify CSWS](#) about any conference presentations; academic, popular, or creative publications in any format; additional project grants and job opportunities; and any other outcomes that result from CSWS funded research. In addition, acknowledge CSWS support in all presentations, publications, and promotional materials—including web publications and web sites, videos, and/or creative work—resulting from this grant. Grant reporting forms: <https://csws.uoregon.edu/forms>

PART II: APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

A complete application consists of the following components: an online application form and all required sections of the proposal narrative. Failure to follow these application directions in full may result in disqualification.

A. APPLICATION FORM

Complete the online Faculty Fellowship Application Form. In addition, combine all components of the Proposal Narrative below into a single PDF file. Follow the file naming format noted below.

Please submit documentation of supplementary fund and/or OPE support with your application if you are applying for a faculty course release. This can be included in your application proposal narrative PDF or submitted by email to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu.

Upload the PDF to the Application Form. Be sure all aspects of the form are accurate and complete before submitting, including file naming, or your application may not be processed. The form cannot be amended once submitted.

B. PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Please use **business format** for the proposal narrative (i.e., single space paragraphs, double space between paragraphs, no paragraph indentations, include section headings) and put your name and contact information at the top of the first page.

Combine all components of the proposal narrative into a single PDF file. Please use the following format to name your file: lastname_firstname_27-28_faculty_fellowship.pdf (e.g., Gopal_Sangita_27-28_faculty_fellowship.pdf).

A project proposal narrative is required for Fellowship and Grant applications. If you are applying for both a fellowship and grant, two project proposal narratives are required, each tailored to the scope of the funding being applied for. Both proposals must be combined into one PDF file to upload.

Proposal narratives must include the following components:

1. **Abstract:** Should be no more than 250 words for a non-specialist audience, clearly stating the problem or question you are addressing in your project, the significance of the project, and what you expect to accomplish during the research term. The statement should explain the importance of the proposed project to larger issues or themes on women and gender.
2. **Proposal:** The proposal narrative must not exceed 1,200 words and should be organized as described below:
 - a. **Conception and Definition:** Describe the specific research or creative project planned for the fellowship period, explaining basic ideas, problems, or questions to be explored. Make clear the relationship of the project to your own past and future research objectives.
 - b. **Significance:** Briefly sketch the background of the proposed project, evaluate existing knowledge, and identify gaps that your research is intended to fill. State concisely the significance of the proposed work to research on women and gender and how the work contributes to the mission of CSWS, particularly in terms of the relationship between gender and other aspects of identity (race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, ability, et. al.). While our page limitation prevents a full review of the literature, a succinct discussion of the most recent and highly relevant literature will help reviewers better evaluate your proposal.
 - c. **Work Plan, Methods, and Approach:** All proposals will be judged on the basis of their theoretical and methodological strengths. They should clearly demonstrate how the research/creative processes and/or methods identified in the proposal will elucidate the research questions posed. Proposals that gather primary data or use secondary data from human subjects should define the sample and procedures to be used and discuss data collection and analysis issues appropriate to the methodology or methodologies to be employed. Proposals that gather data from non-human subjects, including documentary or archival sources, should discuss relevant sampling and data collection issues and analytical and interpretive approaches to be employed. Proposals that are primarily theoretical or involve the production of art, music, performance, or other creative material should discuss the relevant scholarly processes that ensure the quality

of the proposed project. We strongly encourage interdisciplinary research that takes into account various methodologies/approaches (archival, textual, ethnographic survey, etc.). If the project is interdisciplinary, the proposal should discuss the relevance of interdisciplinarity to your project.

- d. **Timeline and Expected Results:** Describe the timeline for your project, including specific dates for completion, as well as your plans for further research on the same project. If publication or other form of acceptance of proposed research results has already been arranged, please provide this information in your proposal.
 - e. **Off-Campus Presentation:** Propose a location for an off-campus, non-academic public presentation of your work, to be given within one year of the fellowship term.
- 3. **Budget (for research funds):** A successful review of your application is partly dependent upon our reviewers being able to understand why you are requesting the amount you have indicated, how you determined each component of the proposed budget, and how you intend to use funds if they are awarded.
 - 4. **Bibliography:** Attach a two-page project bibliography.
 - 5. **Current Vita:** Two-page abbreviated vita, including education, recent employment, publications, presentations, and relevant awards and honors.

Note: When submitting two proposal narratives for Fellowship and Grant applications, one bibliography and vita is sufficient for both.

If you have questions regarding application procedures, budget matters, or problems with submission, please contact CSWS at 541.346.5015 or cswsgrants@uoregon.edu.

PART III: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. REVIEW PROCESS

Grant award decisions are made by a CSWS review committee that includes faculty members from across the disciplines. Decisions are based on the quality of the application/proposal; the degree to which the project supports the mission and interests of CSWS; and the researcher's experience and qualifications. If all other aspects of a proposal are equal, preference will be given to junior faculty members and/or faculty members who have not received funding for the previous three years. Recommendations for funding are forwarded to the director of CSWS to make final decisions based on budgetary considerations.

All applications must be completed and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026. Please note that late applications will NOT be accepted. Notification of award is made within three months of the deadline date.

B. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use **business format** for the proposal narrative (i.e., single space paragraphs, double space between paragraphs, no paragraph indentations, include section headings) and put your name and contact information at the top of the first page.

Please be sure to keep in mind the following:

- Do not go over maximum word counts.
- Use language that is clear to readers outside of your discipline.
- Once submitted, you will not have the chance to edit this application.
- File naming protocol: lastname_27-28_faculty_fellowship.pdf

Before completing the online Applicant Information Form, be sure all components of the proposal narrative are combined, in the order listed below, into a single PDF:

- ☐ Abstract (250 words maximum)
- ☐ Proposal narrative (1,200 words maximum) with the following subheadings:
 - ☐ Conception and definition
 - ☐ Significance of project
 - ☐ Work plan, methods, and approach
 - ☐ Timeline for project completion
- ☐ Budget (for research funds)
- ☐ Project bibliography (two pages maximum)
- ☐ Current abbreviated vita (two pages maximum)
- ☐ Plus: IRB approval letter (if applicable) sent to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu
- ☐ Plus: For course releases, OPE support/supplemental fund documentation in proposal narrative or sent to cswsgrants@uoregon.edu
- ☐ Note: When applying for both a Fellowship and a Research Grant, two proposal narratives are required, each tailored to the scope of the funding being applied for. Combine both narratives into a single PDF with clear headers distinguishing each funding type.

Form URL: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01a03b3cad27708a9873c6c9d688356e>