4W Innovation Grants for Faculty and Staff

4W Innovation Grants are provided as general support—which can be used toward summer salary, course buy out, or other arrangement with school or department—to allow a faculty or academic staff member to devote time to develop a key initiative related to gender and wellbeing. Projects should align with the vision and core values of the 4W program, and should have a research-to-action focus that aims to enhance gender equity in communities locally or globally. Such projects should also employ gender analyses and/or use an intersectional feminist lens to address equity for all. Applications are open to all faculty and academic staff.

4W anticipates awarding 2 to 4 grants of up to $7500 each. The 4W Innovation Grant was established with support from the Women’s Philanthropy Council.

The following considerations apply to 4W Grant Awards:
Grant awardees will be announced in April 2024, and funding will be available for use during the summer of 2024, the 2024-25 academic year, and/or the summer of 2025.

As a condition of receiving 4W funding, you must be willing to:

• Follow all UW travel policies
• Participate in 4W Sponsored Presentation of Grant Supported Activities
• Present your work to the 4W Leadership Circle
• Acknowledge 4W funding in all resulting publications and presentations
• Submit final paper or product and financial report to 4W
• Provide project updates as requested
• If a project requires IRB oversight, IRB approval (or determination of exemption) must be obtained before funds will be made available

Application Requirements
Project proposals (max 1500 words) should include:

• A description of the project to be undertaken during the designated term of the grant, including a description of any work that has preceded or will follow the grant period
• An explanation of the project’s alignment with 4W mission and feminist approach
• An explanation of how the work connects scholarship to practice and enhances wellbeing
• The CV of the applicant (3 pages max)
• A detailed budget, outlining how the funds will be used. Funding may be used for salary plus fringe benefits, project-specific travel costs, materials and supplies, data collection or analysis costs, and other project-specific items that are necessary to accomplish the project objectives. (1/2 page max)
• A letter of support from applicant’s supervisor or department chair, stipulating how the general support will be applied (course buyout, summer salary, or other arrangement that allows the recipient to dedicate a concentrated period of time to the project)
• *Letters of support from non-university partners are appreciated, but not required*

**To Apply**
The application deadline for all proposals is **5:00PM on Monday, March 4th, 2024**. Proposal materials should be submitted in a single PDF to 4w@sohe.wisc.edu. Both the email’s subject line and the attachment file name should consist of the applicant’s first and last name and the award name (i.e. “Prerna Rana, 4W Innovation Grant”).

4W will host two Q&A sessions, both of which will be held virtually via Zoom
• Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 from 10-11am
• Friday, February 16th, 2024 from 4-5pm
• To join the Q&A sessions via Zoom, please use the following link: https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/95158726820?pwd=UnhJZfG4cEJQY3BTM1NnaDFIZTVxU09

You may also contact 4W@sohe.wisc.edu or prana3@wisc.edu with any questions in advance of submission.