

## 2023 Call for Proposals “Small Gender Projects”

### Women’s and Gender Studies Projects

Once a year, Goethe University Frankfurt funds projects in the field of women’s and gender studies – known as “Small Gender Projects” – with a grant of 50% up to a maximum of €3,000; the other 50% must be financed by the faculties.

#### Criteria

Project proposals should be related to gender studies in terms of content.

The criteria are:

- Gender studies focuses on questions of the social construction of gender; associated with this is systematic reflection on binary categorisations such as nature and culture, but also on modern binary distinctions. Critical handling of the essentialisation of gender is crucial: studies of gender and gender relations should not simply follow the everyday understanding of gender but instead include theoretical reflection.
- The aim of gender studies is to examine asymmetrical gender relations, taking into consideration the following levels: structures (e.g. social structures, interaction structures, social norms) and processes (e.g. performativity, habitualisation, doing gender).
- Gender studies adopts two viewpoints: it looks at the gendering of terms and concepts that appear neutral or universal and/or it looks at structures, processes or concepts that contain or produce specific gender relations.
- Today, gender is predominantly understood as an interdependent or intersectional category, meaning that “gender” is reflected in its entanglement with other power and dominance relationships.
- Feminist gender studies also includes the question of the possibility and nature of “knowledge” in the sense of a feminist critique of science.

#### Application requirements

- A short exposé of approx. 3-5 pages describing the project’s research question, objectives, methods, approach and time schedule. This also includes positioning the project in the current state of research in gender studies and indicating a desideratum.
- A cost plan that confirms 50% faculty funding and can be submitted with an application volume of 50%.

The project should especially aim to foster the academic qualification of early career researchers in women’s and gender studies.

Regarding the “Small Gender Projects” fund, the maximum amount for applications is €3,000. The supplementary 50% finance **may not come from third-party sources**; a commitment

from the Dean's Offices for the supplementary 50% finance must be included with the application. As a basic principle, no applications for subsidies towards printing costs will be approved.

When submitting your application, please indicate a cost centre (federal states funds, i.e. starting with 23...or 1...) for processing project funding.

A university committee decides on applications.

Applications evaluated positively are subject to reporting and cost accounting obligations.

**For prior queries about project administration and for information on the contents of the support measure, please contact:**

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**Applications can be submitted until 30 September 2023 via the Dean's Office. Please send the application as PDF via Email to:**

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