The Feminist Research Institute invites proposals from UC Davis graduate students for summer funding whose work engages with feminism or takes a feminist approach in their research. Projects should seek to realize the potential of feminism to ask new questions, develop new methodologies, provoke innovative practices, create new connections, reach out to communities, and engage new audiences.

This includes projects that integrate a feminist approach described as follows:

• Address gender, sexuality, class, ability, or ethnicity from an intersectional perspective;
• Analyze power dynamics that contribute to inequality with attention to gender;
• Draw from feminist theoretical and methodological frameworks to inform the design and execution of research (i.e. examine power dynamics in collection, interpretation or presentation of data or address position of researcher in generating research framework);
• Seek to challenge gender norms in a field or otherwise reduce gender inequalities.

Funding may be used to support research-related travel and expenses, writing and project development support (including living expenses), or attendance at and travel to workshops or summer institutes.

Who Can Apply: UC Davis graduate students completing their terminal degrees (PhD and MFA) at any stage in their graduate career with a clearly defined research project. Must graduate no earlier than December 2017.

Award Amount: Up to $2,000
Application Deadline: January 15, 2017
Award Announcement: Late February 2017
Funding Time Frame: June 2017 – September 2017

How to Apply:
Submit completed application materials via email to FRI@ucdavis.edu, with the subject line “2016-17 Graduate Summer Fellowship Application.” All applications should include the following information:

• Project Description (up to 700 words) Describe the work to be carried out in summer 2017, and how these activities integrate a feminist approach. Share how the summer
project relates to your overall research agenda, the relevance of your research to a field of study, and the potential for broader social impact.

- CV (max 2 pages) Include name, email, degree program, and main advisor contact.
- Budget (max 1 page) Provide itemized budget details and brief narrative of how funds will be used to carry out research work or travel in summer 2017.

Evaluation Criteria:
Applications will be reviewed by the FRI Board of Directors based on the following criteria:
- Importance of research question and academic relevance of topic;
- Degree to which feminist approaches are foundational to and integrated in the project;
- Clear, achievable activities that address the broader research plan;
- Potential broader social impact of research.

Awarded graduate students are expected to become FRI affiliates and share a research poster of their summer work at a fall 2017 reception hosted by FRI.