

ANNE WELSH MCNULTY INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

The [Anne Welsh McNulty Institute for Women's Leadership](#), in collaboration with the [Villanova Institute for Research & Scholarship](#), is proud to announce the first annual Idol Family Summer* Fellows Program, an exciting new fellowship aimed to create innovative, scholarly collaborations on the Villanova campus that will advance gender equity and promote social change.

Purpose

Promoting the advancement of gender equity requires forward-thinking, collaborative, and innovative scholarship. However, much academic scholarship occurs within the silos of academic disciplines, limiting its impact on social change. The Idol Summer Fellows Program aims to address this limitation through an immersive residency program designed to foster collaborative cross-disciplinary communities of scholars. The Idol Program will convene a select group of scholars committed to the development and dissemination of scholarship that addresses the most pressing issues related to gender equity.

Program Description

In its inaugural year, the program will host scholars whose proposals seek to address an aspect of gender, work, and family. We encourage proposals from any discipline, as well as novel approaches to the subject—for example: engineering proposals that address environmental challenges for parenting workers; economists analyzing the impact of growing nontraditional family structures on the paid labor force; public policy scholars comparing international policy solutions; portrayals of these identities in the performing arts. We are particularly interested in projects that align with the Institute's broad mission of advancing women and that lead to long-term social impacts.

Benefits:

Residency: October 12-16, 2020: a 4-night, 5-day residency, including all meals and lodging, where participants will collaborate to develop and launch their projects with an eye toward social impact. Using a combination of structured and unstructured time blocks, programs throughout the week are designed to cultivate cross-disciplinary scholarly community around the theme of gender, work, family; to facilitate collaborative and independent work; and to foster participants' ability to develop their plans for project execution and output.

Post-residency: Shaped by participants during the residence, this portion of the program will include mid-year reengagement amongst the cohort, through interactions such as webinars, conference calls, and an in-person event (during spring 2021) to workshop drafts. Final output will be shared in late 2021. Fellows will also be offered the **opportunity for additional funding** to support project research during the academic year.

*The 2020 residency will run in October due to COVID-19 concerns.

Eligibility

The Fellows program is open to all full-time scholars, including those in traditional faculty and other scholarly positions. The fellowship opportunity is ideal for faculty at the associate level or above, or the equivalent for scholars. For its inaugural year, the program will host scholars local to Villanova.

Call for Applications

We welcome applications from scholars in any discipline who wish to undertake a project that: a) addresses the intersection of at least two of the gender, work, family themes; and b) that stretches them beyond their area of expertise. Applicants must be eager to engage with, learn from, and incorporate alternative perspectives and disciplines into their project.

Applicants must be available for the residency from **October 12-16, 2020** and must be willing to remain engaged with the fellow cohort for 12-15 months after the residency.

To apply, submit a current curriculum vitae along with a proposal of no more than 250 words that offers a preliminary description of your proposed project. Your description must address the following questions:

- How does your project address the intersection of at least two of the themes of gender, work, and family?
- In what concrete ways do you hope your project will benefit from interdisciplinary perspectives?
- What potential scholarly outputs do you anticipate from your project?
- How do your scholarly interests and goals fit with/relate to the Idol Family Summer Program's goal of advancing gender equity through scholarship?

Accepted applicants will be expected to submit an expanded proposal of approximately 1000 words just prior to the residency week. The expanded proposal will provide further details into the problem under consideration: how it is connected to gender and social change, how it advances gender equity, how it will have broader impact, and further conception of how the project could benefit from an interdisciplinary dialogue and perspective, for example, is there a particular 'wall' in your discipline that is getting in the way of you moving this forward.

For questions or further information about this opportunity, please contact Dr. Terri Boyer, Director, Anne Welsh McNulty Institute for Women's Leadership at teresa.boyer@villanova.edu, or call the Institute at 610-519-5724.

Please submit your application materials to mcnultyinstitute@villanova.edu by May 31, 2020. Applicants will be notified of their status by July 1, 2020.

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