

GenCen Resources for Graduate Students



Graduate Specializations

GenCen administers three graduate specializations. Our **Gender, Justice and Environmental Change (GJEC)** program is the first of its kind in the nation explicitly focusing on the intersection of gender, environmental change, and social and environmental justice. Our **Women's and Gender Studies (WGS)** graduate specialization is designed to foster the study of women, gender, sexuality, and feminist theory across disciplines and national borders. Finally, the **Graduate Specialization in International Development (GSID)** is designed to develop an intellectual environment that will foster the growth of research and teaching in the area of development studies.

Graduate Student Travel Funding

GenCen awards travel grants on a rolling basis for graduate students. The grants fall into two categories: **Conference Presentations** and **Research**. Conference Presentations grants of up to \$300 will be awarded to support graduate students who will be delivering papers or other presentations on research related to women's and gender studies at academic conferences. Research travel grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to graduate students whose major research focus is women's and gender studies. These funds will be used to support travel to engage in preliminary exploratory research in advance of writing a dissertation grant proposal.

Annual Paper Competition

Graduate students are encouraged to submit a paper for the **Rita S. Gallin Award** for the Best Graduate Paper on Women and Gender in Global Perspective. Papers should focus on issues related to women, gender, international development, and globalization, and the awarded author(s) receive a \$250 prize.

GPID Working Papers

Gendered Perspectives on International Development (GPID) Working Papers is a peer-reviewed series of scholarly work on global social, political, and economic change and its gendered effects in developing nations. GPID welcomes submission from graduate students.

GJEC Dissertation Fellowships

In conjunction with the Graduate School, our GJEC program sponsors up to 6 dissertation fellowships annually (for up to \$10,000). There are two categories of fellowships: **Research** and **Completion**. Research fellowships are for Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research, and Completion fellowships are for those who have completed everything except their dissertation.