



Global Women's Studies 275 - SUSI Financial Aid Application

June 26 – August 1, 2020

Saint Mary's College's mission includes preparing women to make a difference in an increasingly complex and interdependent world. The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) advances this mission by empowering women to realize their call to leadership and to develop the intercultural knowledge and competence critical in today's increasingly interdependent world. In the spirit of the College's sponsors, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, CWIL promotes human transformation and systemic change, from the local to the global context, by providing challenging, justice-based educational opportunities.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The CWIL SUSI Financial Aid provides funding to encourage students to participate in the six credit Global Women's Studies course GWS 275 offered as part of the SUSI program. Increasing intercultural understanding and knowledge through interaction and reflection is a key objective of CWIL and Saint Mary's College. By participating in this course of study which emphasizes intercultural engagement, grantees will enhance their own learning and enrich the College environment with new connections and perspectives.

ELIGIBILITY:

- A student must matriculate for at least one semester before and after the completion of her grant. Therefore in most cases, it is current Saint Mary's first year, sophomores, and juniors that may apply for the SUSI Financial Aid (except with permission).
- Student must submit application for admission to the GWS 275 course.
- Scholarship funding must be used to help cover program cost for Global Women's Studies GWS 275 course, offered summer 2020.
- Funding will be a percentage of program costs based on financial need. Student financial need is determined by the Financial Aid Office and based on the current FAFSA on file at the start of the academic school year.

- GWS 275 Course includes on-campus accommodation in Opus Hall and academic travel opportunities.
- Cost of the course includes 6 credits, housing and meals, and three academic travel opportunities with all expenses paid.
- Estimated cost for 2020 is \$4,000.

APPLICATION:

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

- 1. To be eligible for the GWS 275 financial aid, you need to apply to be accepted as a Course Participant. Applications will be accepted up to April 1, 2020.**
- 2. Application Materials:** Submit the *Completed Financial Aid Application, along with your application to the Program* to: **Beth Gaffigan, 129 Spes Unica Hall**
- 3. If the financial aid is awarded, and you are accepted in the course, there will be a mandatory orientation to be scheduled in late April.**

APPLICATION MATERIAL TO SUBMIT BY 5:00 PM, April 1, 2020

- Essay Proposal (page 2)*
- Application Form (page 3)*
- Participant's Understanding & Agreement (page 3)*

ESSAY PROPOSAL:

Using the outline below, please write a reflective **essay of two to three double spaced pages** addressing the following questions. Feel free to follow the suggested outline, if helpful.

I: Intercultural Consideration

- a. Please share your thoughts about the meaning of intercultural sensitivity.
- b. Please describe your specific intercultural aims for the course GWS 275. How do you plan to maximize your intercultural experience by participating in this course?
- c. Describe a previous intercultural experience that you have engaged in at Saint Mary's College. Please reflect on what you perceive as the benefits and values of intercultural experiences.

II: Financial Consideration

- a. If your application is approved, CWIL will reimburse only a portion of your expenditures. Please describe how you expect to cover the remainder of the expenses?

APPLICATION FORM:

Name _____ Anticipated Graduation Month/Year _____

Campus Email _____ Phone _____

Student ID _____

I give my permission to CWIL to **contact Saint Mary's Financial Aid Office** for information regarding my financial need. CWIL will keep conversations and records of students' financial need confidential.

Yes _____ No _____

PARTICIPANT'S UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT:

In signing this application, I agree to the accuracy of the above information enclosed in this application. I agree, if selected, to abide by the requirements of the scholarship established by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. I understand that if any of the application material is not accurate or if I do not follow through with the scholarship requirements, the funding may be nullified and I will be responsible for reimbursing the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. I understand that scholarships are awarded for purposes described in the proposal and may not be used in support of other activities. The scholarship will be withdrawn if circumstances invalidate the proposed activity.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____