

## Institute for the Study of Women and Sex Roles

### 1. Purpose and scope of the Institute

An Institute for the Study of Women and Sex Roles shall be established at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center to promote the scholarly study of women and sex roles, and to promote and develop programs for community education on related topics.

### 2. Need

In recent years an increasingly large number of scholars have been involved in research problems related to women, producing a growing body of studies on women and sex roles. Although the women's liberation movement has generated the establishment of women's centers with the goals of social action and the dissemination of existing information, programs aimed at scholarly activity related to women have been limited. No institution currently exists in the metropolitan area whose concern is the encouragement and coordination of all aspects of scholarly research on women and sex roles. Course work on topics related to women and sex roles is given in various departments at colleges in CUNY, including the Graduate School, but no structure is available to coordinate the study and research of students who wish to pursue graduate study in this interdisciplinary area.

### 3. Functions

The functions of the Institute will be:

- a. To encourage and coordinate the development of doctoral courses related to women and sex roles in appropriate disciplines including psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science, and biochemistry, as well as courses of an interdisciplinary nature.
- b. To encourage and assist doctoral students to develop disciplinary as well as interdisciplinary courses of study related to women and sex roles.

- c. To provide assistance to undergraduate and graduate programs at the senior and the community colleges in the CUNY family for the development of course work and major and minor courses of study related to women and sex roles.
- d. To develop, encourage, and/or sponsor research projects in the study of women and sex roles.
- e. To develop and sponsor programs in community education on topics related to women and sex roles.

#### 4. Audience

The Institute will serve the scholarly community of CUNY, including faculty and students in undergraduate and graduate programs. In connection with its goal of community education, the Institute will also serve the metropolitan community at large.

#### 5. Space required

No additional space will be required for the Institute in the first year of its activities. Future space needs will depend on the growth of programs developed by the Institute.

#### 6. Estimated costs and sources of funds

No new funding will be needed to establish the Institute. Once under way, the Institute will undertake the responsibility to develop sources of funding to support expanded activities through sponsored research and community education programs.

#### 7. Relation to existing Centers, Schools, and Institutes within the metropolitan area

The Institute will make contacts with appropriate academic and other programs existing in the metropolitan area as these may relate to the advancement of the goals and objectives of the Institute.

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