



 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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INSTITUTE FOR
THE STUDY
OF SEXUALITY
AND GENDER

CALL FOR ISSG GRADUATE FELLOWS 2024-25

ISSG Graduate Fellowships

The Institute for the Study of Sexuality and Gender (ISSG) seeks applications for 2024-25 graduate fellows. Graduate fellows will be expected to participate actively in ISSG activities. Fellows will coordinate graduate-focused events such as the ISSG Graduate Colloquium, Theory Salon, Writing Retreats, and Graduate Conference (described below); organize the Graduate Student Open House; attend and help with ISSG public programs as needed; and assist the ISSG Director, Associate Director, and the Directors of Graduate Studies and Undergraduate Studies with occasional research and/or administrative tasks.

Compensation for the role will be set at **\$6,000** (pre-tax), paid via an hourly rate for the period of September 1st to May 31st, either through a casual hourly appointment or via add/comp (if a selected fellow holds a teaching or research fellowship in AY24-25). Please note that Fellows cannot exceed 20 hours of work a week for all paid pursuits in combination if on a teaching fellowship, or cannot exceed 10 hours of work a week for all paid pursuits in combination if on a dissertation fellowship during AY24-25.

Selection will be based on academic distinction in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and a proven commitment to ISSG and its activities. Preference is given to Columbia PhD students who have completed or on track to complete the ISSG graduate certificate by Spring 2025. Applicants must indicate in their application any plans to apply for other fellowships and grants in 2024-25, and must inform the Institute if they accept other grants that may conflict with the ISSG Graduate Fellowship requirements. Additionally, applicants should indicate whether they will be on a teaching or research fellowship in AY24-25, and/or whether they will have any other paid positions at the University in AY24-25.

The ISSG Graduate Colloquium, Theory Salon, Writing Retreats, and Graduate Conference

The **ISSG Graduate Colloquium** is an opportunity for graduate students to workshop their research. Students may present a dissertation chapter, conference paper, course essay, or other piece of writing in order to practice presenting their ideas to a small audience and to receive productive feedback on their work from other graduate student scholars and faculty. Past Colloquia have also focused on professional issues such as preparing work for conferences and for publication, drafting dissertation prospectuses, and applying for academic jobs.

ISSG Theory Salons are graduate student/faculty-led seminars, featuring an ISSG faculty member or prominent visitor who has chosen a key theoretical text or sample of their own work for discussion. Theory Salons are intended to promote conversations amongst graduate students and faculty across disciplines. They also provide an informal academic atmosphere in

which students can tackle difficult texts in conversations with feminist and queer studies scholars.

ISSG Writing Retreats are informal events aimed to provide a space for students to focus on writing. These events usually take place on Fridays once or twice a semester for the entire day, allowing students to drop in and out as desired. Snacks and light refreshments are typically served. The writing retreats help to build community within the graduate student population, as well as increase the reach that ISSG has within the graduate community.

The **ISSG Graduate Conference** is an opportunity for graduate students both at and outside of Columbia to present work in a conference format. The two Graduate Fellows will develop the theme and a CFP for the conference, and review submissions and render decisions for prospective presenters. Conference themes from previous years have focused on intersections between the research interests of the two fellows.

Event Responsibilities

Graduate Fellows will be expected to secure space for all events (usually the ISSG seminar room), prepare and circulate publicity materials, maintain a regularly updated email list, communicate with speakers and respondents of upcoming events, copy and distribute any pre-circulated readings, purchase light refreshments for each meeting and submit receipts for reimbursement, and maintain a \$2,000 programming budget.

How to Apply

Please submit a brief letter of application, a CV, and a short (15pp) writing sample to issg@columbia.edu, subject line "ISSG Graduate Fellow Application," by or before **11:59pm on Friday, April 12, 2024**. Your letter should include an account of your involvement with ISSG and plans for certificate completion. Please include the names and contact information of two faculty members familiar with your work and ask one of these faculty members to send a brief letter of support to issg@columbia.edu for you.