SAIDA WAHEED GENDER INITIATIVE
RESEARCH MENTORING WORKSHOP

Since its establishment in Fall 2015, the Saida Waheed Gender Initiative (SWGI) supports research, teaching, and critical discourse related to gender at the Lahore University of Management Sciences. The SWGI promotes interdisciplinary inquiry that is attentive to the construction and operation of gender across different contexts. By engaging LUMS and educational spaces beyond it in ongoing local and transnational conversations, the SWGI seeks to critically contribute to research and praxis that deepens understandings of gender as sets of relations and processes within and beyond Pakistan. With this goal in mind, the Saida Waheed Gender Initiative is pleased to announce a call for proposals for its Research Mentoring Workshop this year.

Purpose of the Workshop

This workshop aims to help develop and support original research ideas related to gender and/or sexuality, which engage primary and secondary sources. The workshop is open to a range of topics including but not limited to gender and religion, the media, literature, politics, social movements, feminist theory, masculinities and femininities, health and the body, sexuality, gender-based violence, history, and development.

With this workshop the Initiative hopes to help young researchers explore key questions about:

• How can we actually “do gender” in practical terms?
• What are useful methods and techniques for researching and writing from a gender perspective?
• How can gender studies complement but also challenge other disciplines?
• And conversely, what critiques and new ideas can other disciplines bring to gender studies?

Along with providing basic training in feminist research methodologies, this workshop is an excellent opportunity for student participants to present their research proposals and receive valuable feedback from the academic research community at LUMS - experienced researchers will be specifically assigned according to your topic, they will be guiding you through the research process, and will prepare in-depth comments and questions regarding your proposal. The workshop’s goal is to aid students at multiple stages of their education: from those in the final stages of undergraduate training to those active with graduate thesis research.

The workshop will take place in LUMS from 29th - 30th November. If you are a student (undergraduate, or graduate) working on topics dealing with gender and/or sexuality, this is your chance to present your research idea and discuss and develop it with experienced academics and researchers.

Proposal Criteria

To participate in this workshop, you must apply in advance by submitting a proposal of two typed A-4 pages through email to gender@lums.edu.pk by Monday, September 30th, 2019. The proposal must include:

• Your full name, the name of the university you attend and your research faculty advisor
• The objectives/purposes of the research;
• The research question(s) that the research addresses;
• A thesis statement concerning what the research expects readers/audience to know, believe, and/or understand;
• The perspective(s), theoretical/conceptual framework, including connections to the literature or to previous experiences related to the research;
• The modes of inquiry, methods, and techniques used/planned to attain the objectives or purposes, and answer the main questions posed in the research;
• A statement as to whether you are in the dissertation proposal, data collection, data analysis, or beginning writing stage of your program. You should be far enough into your research process to benefit from mentor feedback.

This is primarily targeted at students in the final year of the undergraduate programme or who are enrolled in MA/PhD programmes in Pakistan. Students can be from any discipline, but their research must have at least some focus on gender.

Time/Format of Workshop

Final decision of selection of candidates will be communicated on Tuesday, 15th October 2019. The workshop will take place 29th - 30th November 2019.

If you are selected to participate in the workshop, you will be required to:

• Share a more detailed research proposal two weeks prior to the workshop
• Prepare a 15-20 minute presentation explaining key points of your research proposal
• Thoroughly read the reading lists provided to you before your session and be prepared to discuss
• Come prepared with questions
• Bring your original CNICs for entry into LUMS

TRAVEL GRANTS

We have limited funds for travel and accommodation for participants within Pakistan. If you wish to apply please type up a separate document and submit along with your proposal (Deadline: Monday, 30th September 2019). Your document should include:

• Your full name and institutional affiliation
• The city you will be traveling from and back to
• Whether you would be needing accommodation

QUESTIONS?

If you have any queries or concerns please write to gender@lums.edu.pk and we will get back to you.