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**HIGH ACADEMIC-ACHIEVING COLLEGE-AGED WOMEN AND THE RISKS
AND CHALLENGES THEY FACE**

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The purpose of our proposed study is to more fully understand the social and psychological challenges and risks that high achieving female students face during college. Few studies have explored the individual experience of these high achieving women, the interplay between gender and high achievement, and the way in which high achieving women relate to their intellect. Our proposed study will contribute needed information to help fill this gap. Additionally, this study will provide information specific to IWU female students about how the university might help support their social and/or psychological development.