

Abstract

Past studies showed inconsistent findings in sex and gender role orientation differences in cross-sex friendship. The present study thus filled in the research gaps by investigating the effects of masculinity and femininity upon cross-sex friendship quality and satisfaction. A sample of 423 Chinese secondary 4 students was used. Results indicated that people high in masculinity score and people high in femininity score showed significantly higher levels of cross-sex friendship and satisfaction. Possible explanations for these observations were discussed with the reference of the unique nature of cross-sex friendship.