

The Gender & Women's Studies Graduate Student Award

Each year, one student from the Gender & Women's Studies Specialization will receive the program Award. Students must be nominated for the award, and we encourage all interested students to approach their Gender & Women's Studies-approved supervisor, or a Gender & Women's Studies professor, to seek nomination. We also encourage supervisors to consider nominating exceptional students.

There are three Award Criteria that must be addressed in the Nomination package:

1. Student must have received at least 85% in the required Feminist Theory and Methods course

2. A project that synthesizes extant information is not as impactful as one which breaks new ground and/or makes an original contribution.

- *Research streams* (Thesis / Project / research Portfolio): the nominator will indicate how the student's research is an original contribution to the field, or how it breaks new ground in the area (for example: methodology / findings / theoretical applications / etc.).
- *Creative streams* (Project / creative Portfolio): the nominator will clearly explain how the project is an original contribution in the Home discipline, and the importance of the project's foreseeable impact;
- *Practicum stream*: the student's work will result in a significant impact on their placement (for example, a new, usable, screening tool in a Shelter). The placement supervisor, as the first choice, or the Practicum coordinator at LU, in lieu, if the community placement supervisor does not have time to provide the letter in support, will provide a clear statement of the important and unique outcomes the practicum work provided to the community organization.

3. Non-curricular engagement (e.g. contributions to WGSSA and the wider community that show a practical commitment to feminism and social change): In addition to the nomination letter(s), the student will submit an up-to-date curriculum vitae / resume that shows their volunteer / community / other non-curricular engagement.

Deadline: Any interested students or supervisors can submit nomination materials by April 30th to the Gender & Women's Studies Graduate Coordinator for consideration.

Deliberations on nominations will be carried out by Faculty of the Gender & Women's Studies Department.