



# Call for Nominations

## 2020 WGSS Graduate & Undergraduate Awards

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 20, 2020**

Please go to [www.wgss.uconn.edu](http://www.wgss.uconn.edu) to fill out the required application form. All applications MUST include a completed form. Please select the awards for which you are applying on page 1 of the application.

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### **UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS OPEN TO ALL**

**Chase Going Woodhouse Prize:** Awarded to an undergraduate for an academic project that focuses on feminist concerns. This prize is named in honor of a former congresswoman and the director of the Women's Service Bureau. An activist and leader among the first generation of post-suffrage women in Connecticut, Chase Going Woodhouse provided an example of commitment to women's interests and to realizing feminist goals in practical politics.

1. To be considered, please submit either the original or a copy of the academic project as described above.
2. Please indicate whether or not the nominee is a current WGSS major or minor.

**Required:** The full academic project or paper must be submitted, along with a cover letter explaining in what course or circumstances the project was created, and at least one faculty letter of support. Candidates can either self-nominate or be nominated by instructors.

**Gladys Tantaquidgeon Award:** Presented to an undergraduate student whose academic and/or community work reflects a dedication to the understanding and advancement of women of color in the U.S. This award is named in honor of the Mohegan Indian medicine woman, anthropologist and community educator, Gladys Tantaquidgeon. She expanded her Mohegan pharmacopeia by researching herbal medicine among related east coast tribes. She co-founded Tantaquidgeon Indian Museum in 1931 in Uncasville, Connecticut along with her brother Harold and father John. She shared her brother's philosophy that education was the best cure for prejudice. "You can't hate someone that you know a lot about." Her leadership and scholarship highlighted the significance of Native American women's culture. Her leadership and scholarship highlighted the significance of Native American women's culture.

1. To be considered, please submit an essay or recommendation letter that describes the nominee's work as described above.
2. Please indicate whether or not the nominee is a current WGSS major or minor.

Self-nominations and nominations from instructors are welcome and should contain an explanation of how the nominee's work fits the award's purpose.

**Required:** At least one faculty letter of support.

**Feminist Arts Award:** Given for the first time in 2002, this award recognizes undergraduate feminist artwork. Submissions may include visual art, music, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, drama, or film. This award honors the wonderful outburst of feminist arts activity at UConn.

1. To be considered, please submit the original piece of art; if necessary also include a short essay explaining the feminist intent of the piece.
2. Please indicate whether or not the nominee is a current WGSS major or minor.

### **UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS OPEN TO WGSS MAJORS AND MINORS**

**WGSS Excellence Award:** This award recognizes the academic excellence of a WGSS major. Preference is given to graduating seniors. Candidates should have a GPA of at least 3.5 in the major.

1. Demonstrate academic achievement by submitting an unofficial copy of your UCONN transcript as a PDF. Transcript must include Fall 2019 grades.
2. Faculty nominations of and testimonials on behalf of student nominees are encouraged.

**Kristie Ann Wood Endowment Scholarship:** Awarded to a WGSS undergraduate student majoring in WGSS in recognition of academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. This endowment named after Kristie Ann Wood, the first Women's Studies major at UConn, honors her passion for social justice. Preference is given to students with senior standing who have been involved in activities to promote social justice. To be considered you must:

1. Declare a major in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies or demonstrate the intent to declare a major in WGSS
2. Be an incoming or continuing full-time undergraduate student
3. Demonstrate academic achievement
4. Demonstrate financial need. To be considered, please submit an essay that describes how the nominee meets the criteria listed above.

### **GRADUATE AWARDS - WGSS TEACHING AND/OR CERTIFICATE APPLICANTS ONLY**

**Susan Porter Benson Graduate Research Paper Award:** This award recognizes cutting- edge research in the field of feminist studies that takes an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach and provides an innovative articulation of theory and practice.

1. All nominees should be holding or actively pursuing a Feminist Graduate Certificate
2. To be considered for this award, the nominee will need to submit a 25-30-page paper

**Excellence in Graduate Teaching in Women's Studies Award:** This award recognizes excellence in teaching by graduate students in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. It is awarded annually to a graduate student who exemplifies feminist pedagogy in the classroom and brings a passion and commitment to women's issues to teaching.

1. All nominees must have taught for WGSS during AY 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 and either hold or be actively pursuing a Feminist Studies Graduate Certificate.
2. To be considered for this award, the nominee will need to submit a 1-2-page narrative about their pedagogy, as well as WGSS syllabi and teaching evaluations.

**Marita McComiskey Distinguished Graduate Career Award for Feminist Praxis:** This award honors contributions by a current Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies graduate student who, over the course of their graduate career, has provided distinguished service to the WGSS Program and modeled feminist praxis in their career as a graduate student.

1. All nominees must either hold or be actively pursuing a Feminist Studies Graduate Certificate.
2. Nominations from faculty members only, please. To be considered for this award, nominators should submit a 1-2-page narrative about why the nominee should get this achievement award.

#### **NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

1. Unless otherwise indicated, self-nominations are encouraged.
2. If you are applying for more than one award, you will need to replicate the pdf file for each award. When you send the email, please put your LAST NAME and AWARD title in the subject heading. (Example: Doe-Woodhouse Prize)
3. Email each pdf file to [ariana.codr@uconn.edu](mailto:ariana.codr@uconn.edu)

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If you have any questions, please email the committee chair at [ariana.codr@uconn.edu](mailto:ariana.codr@uconn.edu)