2021 WGSS Graduate & Undergraduate Awards
Call for Applications

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Please visit the WGSS website for the application form. All applications MUST include a completed form.

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. Applications must include the full academic project or paper, a cover letter explaining in what course or circumstances the project was created, and at least one faculty letter of support. Award: $250

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. Her leadership and scholarship highlighted the significance of Native American women’s culture. Applications must include a short essay describing how the applicant’s work connects to the mission of the award and at least one faculty letter of support. Award: $250

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. Applications must include at least one original piece of art and a short essay explaining the feminist intent of the piece. Award: $250

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS OPEN TO WGSS MAJORS

WGSS Excellence Award: This award recognizes the academic excellence of a WGSS major. Preference is given to graduating seniors. Applicants should have a GPA of at least 3.5 in the major. Applications must include an unofficial copy of your UConn transcript as PDF, including Fall 2020 grades. Award: $250

Kristie Ann Wood Endowment Scholarship: For 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 social justice. Award is $2,500. To be considered you must:

1. Be a WGSS major 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 applicant meets the criteria listed above.
GRADUATE AWARDS – WGSS TEACHING AND/OR CERTIFICATE APPLICANTS ONLY

*All applicants must be holding or actively pursuing a Feminist Graduate Certificate.

**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. Applications must include a 25–30-page paper. **Award: $250**

**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 feminist issues to teaching. Applications must include a 1–2-page narrative about their pedagogy, as well as WGSS syllabi and teaching evaluations. *All applicants must have taught for WGSS during AY 2019–2020 or 2020–2021. Award: $250*

**NOMINATIONS ONLY: 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.

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. **Award: $250**

If you have any questions, please email Dr. Codr, Awards Committee Chair, at ariana.codr@uconn.edu