



2022 WGSS Graduate & Undergraduate Awards Call for Applications & Guidelines

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 15, 2022

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UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS OPEN TO ALL

Chase Going Woodhouse Prize: Awarded to an undergraduate for an academic project that focuses on concerns relevant to Gender and Sexuality Studies. 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**

To apply, please submit:

- the [completed application form](#), including:
 - an unofficial transcript
 - resume/CV
 - personal statement of 250–300 words describing your eligibility for the award
- the full academic project or paper, along with a short cover letter explaining in what course or circumstances the project was created. Students may include links to videos, websites, and other projects that cannot be included directly in the pdf
- at least one faculty letter of support (letters should be submitted by faculty separately using [this link](#))

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**

To apply, please submit:

- the [completed application form](#), including:
 - an unofficial transcript
 - resume/CV
 - personal statement of 250–300 words describing how your work reflects a dedication to the understanding and advancement of women of color in the U.S.
- applicants may upload examples of work and/or community activism that connect to the mission of the award
- at least one faculty letter of support (letters may be submitted by faculty separately using [this link](#))

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**

To apply, please submit:

- the [completed application form](#), including:
 - an unofficial transcript
 - resume/CV
 - personal statement of 250–300 words describing your eligibility for the award
- an original portfolio of artwork including a short cover letter explaining the feminist intent of the pieces

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 2021 grades, and at least one faculty letter of support. **Award: \$250**

To apply, please submit:

- the [completed application form](#), including:
 - an unofficial transcript
 - resume/CV
 - personal statement of 250–300 words describing your eligibility for the award
- at least one faculty letter of support (letters may be submitted by faculty separately using [this link](#))

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 committed to 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 apply, please submit:

- the [completed application form](#), including:
 - an unofficial transcript
 - resume/CV
 - personal statement of 250–300 words describing how you meet the criteria listed above
- at least one faculty letter of support (letters may be submitted by faculty separately using [this link](#))

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**

To apply, please submit:

- the [completed application form](#), including:
 - an unofficial transcript
 - resume/CV
 - personal statement of 250–300 words describing your eligibility for the award
- a 25–30–page academic paper or writing sample relevant to the award

Excellence in Graduate Teaching in Gender and Sexuality 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 2020–2021 or 2021–2022.* **Award: \$250**

To apply, please submit:

- the [completed application form](#), including:
 - an unofficial transcript
 - resume/CV
 - personal statement of 250–300 words describing your eligibility for the award
- a 1–2–page teaching statement or narrative about your pedagogy
- WGSS syllabi
- teaching evaluations.

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. No self-nominations will be accepted. To be considered for this award, nominators should submit a 1–2–page narrative about why the nominee should get this achievement award. Nominated students should submit an application with applicant info. **Award: \$250**

To apply, please submit:

- the [completed application form](#), including:
 - an unofficial transcript
 - resume/CV
- a 1–2–page nomination letter detailing why the nominee should get this achievement award (letters may be submitted by faculty separately using [this link](#))

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I submit an application for the 2022 WGSS Awards?

Undergraduate students should [submit applications here](#). Graduate students should [submit applications here](#). Applications submitted outside of these forms will not be accepted.

2. Can I nominate myself for an award? Can I apply for multiple awards?

Unless otherwise indicated, self-nominations are encouraged. Students may apply for multiple awards.

3. Where do faculty members submit letters of support?

Faculty members should [submit letters of support here](#).

4. How do I create an unofficial PDF copy of my transcript?

To create a PDF of your unofficial transcript, you will need to do the following:

- Access unofficial transcript via <https://student.studentadmin.uconn.edu>
 - Main Menu > Self Service > Student Center > My Academics > View My Unofficial Transcript
- Click “Print This Page” link
- Select Adobe PDF option from Printer Name drop-down menu, click OK, and save.

****Transcripts must include grades from Fall 2021 semester****

5. When will I hear back about my award status?

The Awards Committee will make their final selections no later than April 30th. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email. Non-recipients will not be contacted.

6. Will I be recognized for receiving this award?

Students selected for awards will be recognized during our 2022 WGSS Graduation celebration. Date and details TBA.

7. How will I receive my award, if selected?

All awards will be administered by the Office of Student Financial Aid Services. If you are a need-based financial aid recipient (loans, grants, work-study employment) your financial aid package may be revised as a result of this award. If no adjustment is necessary and your fee bill is paid in full, you may be entitled to a refund. If you have questions about how an award could affect your financial aid package, please call (860) 486-2819.

If you have any questions, please email Prof Mick Powell, Awards Committee Chair, at mick.powell@uconn.edu