



2023 WGSS Graduate & Undergraduate Awards Call for Applications & Guidelines

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, April 20, 2023

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For all awards please submit the [completed application](#), including:

- an unofficial transcript
- resume/CV
- personal statement of 250–300 words describing your eligibility for the award
- Contact information for two faculty references
- Any additional award-specific materials (indicated in the descriptions below if applicable)

You may apply for multiple awards, but please submit the form only once.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS OPEN TO ALL

Chase Going Woodhouse Prize: Awarded to an undergraduate student 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. In addition to the completed application form, applicants must include the full academic project or paper, a cover letter discussing the significance of the work in the context of the course, and the name and contact information of the course faculty member as a reference. **Award: \$250**

Additional Application Instructions: In addition to the completed application, please submit 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. One of the faculty references must be the faculty member to whom the project was originally submitted.

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. In addition to the completed application form, applicants must include a short essay describing how their work connects to the mission of the award and the name and contact information of one faculty reference familiar with their work. **Award: \$250**

Additional Application Instructions: Students applying for the Gladys Tantaquidgeon Award should make sure that their personal statement describes how their work reflects a dedication to the understanding and advancement of women of color in the U.S. They may also choose to upload examples of work and/or community activism that connect to the mission of the award.

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**

Additional Application Instructions: Please submit an original artwork or portfolio of artwork including a short cover letter explaining the feminist intent of the piece(s).

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. **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 committed to social justice. **Award is \$2,500.**

Additional Application Instructions: Students applying for the Kristie Ann Wood Endowment Scholarship should make sure that their personal statement responds to the award selection criteria: academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to social justice.

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**

Additional Application Instructions: In addition to the completed application, please submit: 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 2021–2022 or 2022–2023. **Award: \$250**

Additional Application Instructions: In addition to the completed application, please submit a 1–2–page teaching statement, teaching evaluations, and a syllabus (if you have taught a WGSS course as the primary instructor).

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. **Award: \$250**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I apply for multiple awards?

Students may apply for multiple awards.

2. 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 2022 semester****

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

The Awards Committee will make their final selections no later than May 1st. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email. Non-recipients will not be contacted.

4. Will I be recognized for receiving this award?

Students selected for awards will be recognized during our 2023 WGSS Graduation celebration. Date and details TBA.

5. 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 Stephanie Lumbra at stephanie.lumbra@uconn.edu