

Award for Scholarly Achievement in the Area of Gender-Based Violence

About the Award

Each December 6th, the University of Toronto community marks the National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women with events across the institution. In 2016, the University established the Graduate and Undergraduate Award for Scholarly Achievement to recognize students who have made distinctive contributions in the area of gender-based violence research and prevention.

Two awards at \$1,500 each are available annually - one for a graduate student and one for an undergraduate student. The Award is funded jointly by the Office of the Vice-President and Provost and the Office of the Vice-President, Human Resources & Equity.

Graduate Award

This graduate Award was established by the University of Toronto in memory of the 14 women who died tragically at the Ecole Polytechnique on December 6, 1989. It is awarded annually to a graduate student, in any year of any program, who demonstrates scholarly excellence in research focusing on understanding, prevention, and/or intervention in the area of violence against women and girls and/or against trans and gender non-binary people.

Award Amount: \$1,500

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Domestic or international graduate student
- At the time of application, registered in a graduate program at the University of Toronto; full-time, part-time and/or flex-time registered students are eligible
- Academic merit (Candidates are required to have maintained a cumulative average of at least a 'A-')

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants must submit the following:

- Submission of an abstract describing the research and copy of paper, chapter and/or publication best exemplifying the work.
- At minimum, applicants must meet the following requirements of an A- average at the time of application (**A-** = 80%):

- If you are in the **first or second year** of graduate studies, you must have an overall average of at least A- on your **20 most recently completed one-term/semester courses**
 - If master's or doctoral degree marks used for calculating the grade point average (GPA) are not available (i.e., courses graded on a pass/fail basis), then the most recently available undergraduate or graduate marks must be used
 - ROSI print-out is sufficient for the U of T transcript. Also provide a copy of your previous institution's official transcript; you may be able to obtain a copy of your previous institution's official transcript from your U of T graduate unit
- If you are in the **third year (or higher)** of graduate studies, you must have an overall average of at least A- on **all graduate courses completed**
 - ROSI print-out is sufficient for the U of T transcript; a copy of your previous institution's transcript is not required
- One copy of your resume/CV
- One letter of reference from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's academic work, or an academic supervisor addressing the merit of the applicant's research (one page maximum). All documentation must be submitted to:

Enrolment Services
172 St. George Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5R 0A3

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applicants for this Award will be assessed on their scholarly talent, the excellence of their work, written letter of support, and the contribution to the advancement of knowledge about this area.

The deadline for submissions is September 20th, annually

Please direct inquiries to: awards.uoft@utoronto.ca

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I consent to my nomination for the University of Toronto Award for Scholarly Achievement in the Area of Gender-Based Violence and I acknowledge the use of personal and academic information for the purposes set out above.

I understand that if I receive this award a brief citation will be read during the awards program summarizing my accomplishments and this information will be available to the public. I affirm the accuracy of all information I provided, including the CGPA.

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Undergraduate Award

This undergraduate Award was established by the University of Toronto in memory of the 14 women who died tragically at the Ecole Polytechnique on December 6, 1989. This undergraduate Award is given to an undergraduate student who shows a demonstrated interest and commitment to academic work and/or community involvement in the area of violence against women and girls and/or against trans and gender non-binary people. Interest and commitment may be demonstrated through academic studies, research, on- or off-campus projects related to violence against women, or other types of activities.

Award amount: \$1,500

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Domestic or international undergraduate student

- The Award is open to undergraduate students, full or part-time, who have completed a minimum of 10 credits toward their degree program.
- Academic merit (Candidates are required to have maintained a cumulative average of at least a 'B')

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants must submit the following:

- Statement of 350 words describing contribution to demonstrated interest to studies/work in the area of violence against women
- Current resume
- Complete transcript of your academic record (ROSI print-out is sufficient for the U of T transcript)
- One letter of support from an individual who is familiar with your contributions, projects or research in the area of violence against women; letter may be from a U of T faculty or staff member, supervisor/employer, or other appropriate individual. All documentation must be submitted to:

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