**Margaret Laurence Endowment Fund in Gender and Women’s Studies**

CALL FOR COMMUNITY PROPOSALS

The Gender and Women’s Studies (GWS) program at Brandon University invites proposals for projects that foster links between community-based organizations and our program.

* **GWS will give out a maximum of two grants at $2000 each**
* **Deadline for receipt of project applications: March 1, 2016**
* **Grants are eligible for projects starting April 1, 2016 and ending March 30, 2017.**

We encourage non-profit community organizations to prepare project proposals for workshops, speakers, panels, research projects, and/or short-term programming. We also encourage community organizations to request a stipend to place a Gender and Women’s Studies student in your organization to assist in their professional development and feminist learning outside of the classroom.

A report describing your project and its results, as well as an itemized budget report listing all expenses incurred, will be required following the project’s completion. If your organization has received funding from the Margaret Laurence Endowment Fund in past competitions and has not submitted a project report, please ensure that it reaches us before a new proposal is submitted. Please see proposal form following this letter.

Please use the attached form as an outline for your proposal and send it by email to

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*About GWS:*

Gender and Women’s Studies (GWS) invites students to challenge prevailing notions of gender and sexualities, and to learn about gender relations as they have been constructed culturally, globally, historically, and institutionally. GWS invites students develop the critical knowledge and skills to explore the intersections of gender, sex, race, class, sexuality, (dis)ability, colonialism, imperialism, citizenship, and transnational identity while paying attention to power, oppression, and resistance. Students engage in dialogue about such topics as: feminist and queer activisms, transnational poverty and precarity, diverse masculinities, popular culture and media, reproductive justice, racial politics across borders, and war and violence.

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**Gender and Women’s Studies in the Community – Project Proposal**

**Project Title:**

**Organization:**

**Contact Person:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail address:**

**Project Description (500-750 words):**

**Project Participants:**

**Date(s) of project:**

**Project Budget:**

*Please itemize expenses required to complete the proposed project (e.g., student stipend, facilitator, event-related expenses, childcare, travel, advertising, office materials, etc.)*

Item Amount

**Total request funds from GWS:**

**Project Resources:**

Please indicate other sources of funding available for this project (applied for or funded).

Source Amount Sought / Secured

*Please note that Gender and Women’s Studies regularly considers applications for sponsorship (or co-sponsorship) of one-time events, speakers, or workshops. Applications may be submitted at any time, and will be considered promptly. Applications for past events will not be considered. Normally, only one application per community organization will be considered each year. To apply, send a brief letter outlining your sponsorship request and estimated budget to the email address above*.