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Margaret Laurence Endowment Fund in Gender & Women's Studies
CALL FOR COMMUNITY GRANT PROPOSALS

The Gender & Women's Studies (GWS) program at Brandon University invites proposals for projects that foster links between community-based organizations and our academic program. This community grant aims to help non-profit organizations prepare projects such as workshops, research projects, short-term programming, or other special projects.

All projects that aim to reduce any form of intersectional oppression will be considered, including discrimination related to gender, race, class, sexuality, disability, and neurodivergence.

About GWS:
Gender & 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 to develop the critical knowledge and skills to explore the intersections of gender, sex, race, class, sexuality, disability, 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.

There are two types of grants available for the current year (April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026):

Program Grant: $2500 grants for programming (4 grants available)

- Grants can be used for expenses to cover workshops, research projects, short-term programming, or other special projects.
- E.g., supplies, food, honoraria for guest speakers, etc.

Work-Study Grant: $5000 grants for programming and to support a student placement in the organization (2 grants available)

- As part of the grant, a Gender & Women's Studies student will be placed in the organization. The student will develop work experience and have an opportunity to engage social justice learning outside of the classroom, and the organization will receive labour support.
- GWS will help the organization pair a GWS student with the organization.

- **$3000 should be used for a stipend to pay a GWS student** to work in the organization during the summer term.
- **$2000 can be used for expenses** for a special project, event, or programming (e.g., supplies, food, honoraria for guest speakers, etc.).

Deadline for receipt of project applications: March 14, 2025
Grants are eligible for projects that run any time between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026.

A simple report (see below) 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.

Please see the proposal form following this letter and submit by email to
Dr. Lisa Robson, Gender & Women's Studies Coordinator, gws@brandonu.ca

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Program Grant Proposal

Project Title:

Organization:

Contact Person:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email address:

Project Description (500-750 words):

Date(s) of project:

If applying for work-study grant, GWS Student Responsibilities:

Project Budget:

Please itemize expenses required to complete the proposed project.

Item	Amount

Total requested funds from GWS:

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Program Grant Report

Please complete the following report and submit to GWS@BrandonU.ca within 60 days of completing your project.

1. Briefly summarize your project (what, where, when, and how) and objectives.

2. Please provide some information about who participated and benefitted from the project and how?

3. Summarize how the money was used and attach a budget to the report.

4. Any lessons learned? Reflect on the outcomes and next steps, if applicable.