iSMSS Scholarships and Awards

Competition Information

DEADLINE September 30, 2018

Please read the list of available scholarships and awards carefully.

Eligibility criteria varies for each scholarship or award.

Undergraduate Awards

Information about undergraduate student entrance awards can be found at the Registrar’s Office:
https://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/ro.cfm?id=208

Michael Phair Leadership Award

The Michael Phair Leadership Award is the first lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, or queer (LGBTQ) specific award in the history of the University of Alberta. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership qualities and involvement in extracurricular and community activities. Preference is given to students who have demonstrated commitment to the advancement of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, two-spirited, or queer communities. Any student continuing in an undergraduate degree program in their second, third, or fourth year of studies with satisfactory academic standing (2.0 or higher GPA) is eligible to apply for this award. Students from outside the University of Alberta are not eligible for this award.

Each year two leadership awards are offered in the amount of $1500.00 each. This award is tenable only once in an undergraduate student’s career.
Orlando Books Collective Entrance Award

The Orlando Books Collective Entrance Award is awarded to a student entering their first year at the University of Alberta in any undergraduate degree program. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership qualities and involvement in school and community activities. Preference given to students who have demonstrated commitment to the advancement of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified or queer (LGBTQ) communities.

Each year one entrance award will be offered in the amount of $2000.00.

Graduate Awards

Stephen and Lynn Mandel Graduate Scholarship in Sexual and Gender Minority Studies

The Stephen and Lynn Mandel Graduate Scholarship in Sexual and Gender Minority Studies is the first lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, or queer (LGBTQ) specific graduate scholarship to be offered in the history of the University of Alberta. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student at the University of Alberta with superior academic achievement (3.5 or higher GPA) and quality research focused on sexual and gender minority studies and their application in advocating for sexual and gender minorities in educational and community contexts. Recipients will be selected on the basis of academic standing and their research and advocacy/outreach profile. Preference will be given to graduate students in the Faculty of Education. Students from outside the University of Alberta are not eligible for this award.

Each year one scholarship will be offered in the amount of $1000.00.

Ronald Gordon Rowswell Graduate Award

The Ronald Gordon Rowswell Graduate Award is awarded to a full-time or part-time student with satisfactory academic standing registered in a graduate degree program at the University of Alberta. Selection is based on the significance of their program of studies and/or research to the advancement of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, or queer
(LGBTQ) communities. This award is tenable only once in a graduate student’s career. Each year two awards will be offered in the amount of $4000.00.

FAQ’s

How do I apply for these iSMSS scholarships or awards?

After reviewing eligibility requirements, please submit your application package to the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services, University of Alberta. A complete application package must consist of an application form, résumé/CV, academic transcripts, two sealed letters of reference, and a maximum 500-word essay outlining your relevant scholarly and/or leadership contributions to the field of sexual and gender minority studies.

What will make my application stand out?

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Some of the criteria used to evaluate applications include:

• Significance of research and/or leadership activities;
• Application of research into advocacy;
• The applicant’s GPA;
• Quality of application essay; and
• Strength of letters of reference.

Incomplete application packages will not be accepted. Be sure to approach your references well in advance of the application deadline.

Your complete application must be submitted before the September 30, 2018 deadline.

For more information, please contact:
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