

# **Policy for Scholarships**

The SdBI currently has seven scholarships and one award. All scholarships and award are reserved for students in the Major or the Specialization in Women's Studies. Students may receive only one award per year and cannot receive the same award twice. The value of scholarships/awards varies from year to year (depending on interest rates) and only the approximate amounts are shown here.

| Scholarship                      | Eligibility   | Criteria   |
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| 1. Provost Entrance Scholarship  | <ul> <li>Full-time only</li> <li>Canadians, permanent residents or<br/>intl Students</li> <li>Are in their first year</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Cumulative GPA or "cote R" at<br/>entrance (calculated by<br/>Concordia University)</li> </ul>  |
| 2. Provost In-Course Scholarship | <ul> <li>Full-time only</li> <li>Canadians, permanent<br/>residents or int'l students</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> year or higher</li> <li>Have completed at least 30 credits<br/>(including WSDB 290, 291 and 292)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>First criterion: Cumulative<br/>GPA (calculated by<br/>Concordia University)</li> <li>Second criterion: Cumulative<br/>GPA in WSDB courses</li> </ul> |

Selection Process: For scholarships (1) and (2), Concordia University (Undergraduate Awards Manager from Financial Aid and Awards) forwards the calculated GPAs to the SdBI and recommends names of award recipients. Eligibility and criteria are verified by the SdBI, which makes a final selection. This process usually happens in the Spring between February and April.

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| 3. Lillian Robinson Memorial<br>Scholarship | <ul> <li>Full-time or part-time</li> <li>Canadians, permanent residents or intl<br/>students</li> <li>Have completed at least 30 credits<br/>(including WSDB 290, 291 and 292)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>First criterion: Cumulative<br/>GPA</li> <li>Second criterion:<br/>Cumulative<br/>GPA in WSDB courses</li> </ul>                            |
| 4. Maïr Verthuy Scholarship                 | <ul> <li>Full-time only</li> <li>Canadians or permanent residents<br/>only</li> <li>60 credits completed with at least<br/>30 credits in WSDB Minimum GPA<br/>3.5</li> </ul>              | <ul> <li>Only criterion: Cumulative<br/>GPA</li> <li>If two students end up<br/>having the same<br/>cumulative GPA, need to<br/>split the</li> </ul> |

Selection Process: For scholarships (3) and (4), Concordia University (Undergraduate Awards Manager from Financial Aid and Awards) forwards the calculated GPAs to the SdBI and recommends names of award recipients. Eligibility and criteria are verified by the SdBI, which makes a final selection. This process usually happens in the Spring between February and April.

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| 5. Simone de Beauvoir Institute<br>Scholarship | <ul> <li>Full-time only</li> <li>Canadians, permanent residents or int'l students</li> <li>Fourth year students</li> <li>Have completed at least 84 credits (including WSDB 290, 291 and 292)</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>First criterion: Cumulative<br/>GPA for WSDB courses up<br/>until the award ceremony</li> <li>Second criterion:<br/>Cumulative GPA in all<br/>courses</li> </ul>   |
| 6. The Louise Perrier Memorial<br>Scholarship  | <ul> <li>Undergraduate award for full-time<br/>students already enrolled in the Faculty<br/>of Arts &amp; Science (majoring in Women's<br/>Studies) or the John Molson School of<br/>Business and have a minimum GPA of<br/>3.30</li> <li>The award is open to Canadian citizens,<br/>permanent residents and international<br/>students</li> <li>Recipients are eligible to re-apply for<br/>the award</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Gifts totalling \$3,000 will<br/>provide one \$1,000 award<br/>annually, for 3 years, to<br/>eligible students</li> <li>Applicants must also submit a<br/>one-page letter demonstrating<br/>how they have assisted<br/>women in some way to<br/>empower them to grow and<br/>become more independent.<br/>This could be through<br/>volunteering or mentoring at<br/>the school or in the<br/>community</li> </ul> |

Selection Process: For scholarships (5) and (6), Concordia University (Undergraduate Awards Manager from Financial Aid and Awards) forwards the calculated GPAs. Eligibility and criteria are verified by the SdBI, which makes the final selection of award recipients. This process usually happens in the Spring between February and April. The Pia Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship's monetary award is handled by Concordia University while the Institute handles the Simone de Beauvoir Institute Scholarship's monetary award.

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| 7. Thérèse Casgrain Foundation<br>Scholarship | <ul> <li>Full-time only</li> <li>Canadians, permanent residents or int'l students</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The candidate is nominated<br/>by the Principal based on a<br/>high GPA at the time of<br/>graduation.</li> <li>Other criteria: significant<br/>contribution to the life of<br/>the Institute may also be<br/>considered.</li> </ul> |

Selection Process: Concordia University (Office of the Registrar) forwards to the SdBI the calculated GPAs at the end of the Winter semester and recommends the top 4 names of graduating students. The student with the best cumulative GPA at the time of graduation gets the Thérèse Casgrain Medal. The Thérèse Casgrain Medal winner is named and receives this medal at convocation (normally in June). The student who receives the Thérèse Casgrain Medal automatically receives the Thérèse Casgrain Foundation Scholarship.

Selection Process: For award (8), students must apply and the deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup> of every year. The details and form to be completed are available on the next 2 pages.

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| <ul> <li>8. Valuable Feminist</li> <li>Contribution</li> <li>SdBI Student Award</li> <li>See application on next</li> <li>page.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Full-time or part-time</li> <li>Canadians, permanent<br/>residents or int'l students</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Contribution to the SdBI, and/or to<br/>feminism (feminist thinking and/or action)<br/>more generally. This may include:</li> <li>a) Meaningful engagement in classroom<br/>discussions;</li> <li>b) integration of academic and personal<br/>knowledge gained from life<br/>circumstances and experiences;<br/>and/or</li> <li>c) contributions to the SdBI's<br/>commitment to equity,</li> <li>d) inclusion, and/or advocating for an<br/>underrepresented group at the SdBI.</li> </ul> |



# Valuable Feminist Contribution Simone de Beauvoir Institute Student Award

The SdBI is pleased to announce a new annual student award: the "Valuable Feminist Contribution" SdBI Student Award.

#### Amount: \$500

**Deadline to Apply for the Award:** February 28<sup>th</sup> of every year starting in 2016. By March 31<sup>st</sup> of every year, a committee of at least three professors will review all nominations and inform all applicants of the results.

**Description:** The award will be given annually to a full- or part-time student enrolled in the Major or Specialization SdBI program whose contribution to the SdBI, and/or to feminism more generally, extends beyond academic standing and ranking. In keeping with the SdBI's recognition that some of the most valuable feminist contributions emerge from and occur outside of academic institutions, this award celebrates the broad range of contributions that our students make to feminist thinking and action.

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- SdBI full- or part-time student enrolled in a WSDB Major or Specialization program; and
- SdBI students who have not received and are not being considered for other SdBI scholarships or awards; and
- SdBI students who are applying directly or who are applying following a nomination by a SdBI full- or part-time professor, a Research Associate or a Fellow.

### Selection Criteria:

 Contribution to the SdBI, and/or to feminism (feminist thinking and/or action) more generally. This may include: (a) meaningful engagement in classroom discussions; (b) integration of academic and personal knowledge gained from life circumstances and experiences; and/or (c) contributions to the SdBI's commitment to equity, inclusion, and/or advocating for an underrepresented group at the SdBI.

#### Additional Consideration:

• Financial and/or systemic challenges in accessing or continuing a university education will be considered.

**To Apply or Nominate:** Complete the form on the next page and submit it with the complete application (i.e., the statement as well as your CV) to Linda Bowes at her SdBI Office or scan all documents and submit to <u>Linda.Bowes@Concordia.ca</u>



# Valuable Feminist Contribution Simone de Beauvoir Institute Student Award – Nomination Form

1. CANDIDATE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. CANDIDATE'S STUDENT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

3. CANDIDATE'S STATUS in PROGRAM:

\_\_\_\_ Major

\_\_\_\_\_ Specialization

### \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of WSDB Courses completed at time of application

### 4. STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION

Please attach a statement of a maximum of 500 words that answers this question: How do you believe you have made valuable contributions and meet the criteria for the award?

### 5. CANDIDATE'S CURRICULUM VITAE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student:

I accept the nomination

Signature of nominating person:

(if other than the student):