The Women's and Gender Studies Award

Information and application

For the twelfth year, the Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality at Columbia University is proud to present the Women's and Gender Studies Award. The Women's and Gender Studies Award honors an undergraduate, currently enrolled at Columbia University, for excellence in research and writing in the field of women's and gender studies. The award recognizes superb intellectual achievement and is intended to provide students interested in women's and gender studies with institutional support for their work.

The Women's and Gender Studies Award Committee encourages undergraduates from a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences, and majors to submit a paper for consideration for the cash award. In keeping with the open spirit of investigation that characterizes interdisciplinary research, the committee sets no topical, ideological, or methodological requirements for submissions, and generally looks for papers that exhibit clarity, originality, ambition, and those that are informed by Women's and Gender Studies approaches.

Eligibility

1. Only papers written by ***undergraduate students*** currently enrolled at Barnard or Columbia will be accepted. This means that candidates must be registered students at one of the following schools: Barnard College, Columbia College, the School of General Studies (except post-Bac and MLA programs), or the School of Engineering and Applied Science.
2. Papers must be no more than twenty–five (25) pages in length.
3. No previously published work will be accepted.
4. Only one entry per student will be accepted.
5. Students may enter all three IRWGS award competitions (Women's and Gender Studies; Queer Studies; Feminist to the Core), but may not submit the same paper to more than one award competition.

Submission Information

1. This year's DEADLINE for submission is **5:00pm, Friday, March 22nd, 2019**. ***No papers will be accepted past 5:00pm on that day.*** Papers must be emailed in

PDF format to the Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality at irwgs@colmbia.edu, subject line "Women's and Gender Studies Award."

2. All papers must be titled, typed, and double-spaced in standard paper format (12-point type, one-inch margins, page numbers, and full references and citations). Include any reprints of any art or visual aids if necessary.

3. Do not include your name anywhere on your paper. ***Papers will be judged anonymously. Your paper will be disqualified if your name appears anywhere on it.*** Your name should appear **only** on the Application Form. Please submit the completed form with your paper.

Judging and prizes

1. While no formula is used to determine award winners, committee members look for clarity, originality, ambition, and how the paper is informed by or engaged in critical issues in Women's and Gender Studies.

2. The prize is $250.00. To ensure fairness in the judging, and depending on the number and nature of the submissions, a special prize may be established for the best senior thesis.

3. All decisions are final.

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Application form

Complete the following form and submit along with a **PDF copy of your paper by 5:00pm Friday, March 22nd, 2019** to the Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality, irwgs@columbia.edu, subject line "Women's and Gender Studies Award." *Please make sure that your name appears on this sheet **only**, and nowhere else on your paper. Your paper will be disqualified is your name appears on it.*

Full name (please print) _____

Major/Concentration _____

School: BC CC SEAS GS   Graduation year: _____

Title of your paper _____

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Is this your senior thesis? Yes No   Total pages _____

Current address: _____

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Permanent address:_____

Email address:_____

By signing below, I agree to abide by the rules and conditions for submissions to the Women's and Gender Studies Awards, and certify that I am the author of the attached papers, and that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____   Date _____

Staff use only: Received by_____ Code _____

              Date _____Time _____