Ann Mussey Award 2015-16

Ann Mussey Student Award in Sexuality, Gender, & Queer Studies

Purpose and Award
This award recognizes the accomplishments and potential of a student minoring in Sexuality, Gender & Queer Studies (SGQ Studies). The award is a tribute to former PSU WGSS professor Ann Mussey, the guiding force behind the establishment of the minor in Sexuality, Gender & Queer Studies launched in 2008. As a scholar and educator, Ann understood that the field of sexuality studies goes beyond the biological framing of sexual desire and practice, gendered behavior and identity, and the sexed body, to an analysis of how these are socially organized, even socially produced phenomena located within specific social and historical contexts and subject to social and historical change. Her commitment in extending this understanding to students came through enthusiastic collaboration with faculty, students and staff to create the first SGQ Studies minor of its kind in Oregon. **This is a one-time, non-renewable award in the amount of $500, to be disbursed prior to Fall term 2015.**

Eligibility Requirements
Applicants must be declared Sexuality, Gender and Queer Studies minors who:

- Have completed at least 8 credits completed in the minor at the time of application
- Can provide evidence of research focus in their major that connects with their SGQ Studies minor and/or involvement in activism (in the community or University) related to social justice and sexuality
- Have PSU cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; and
- Have demonstrated financial need

Instructions
Please submit the following materials to the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Office in XSB 150. **Applications are due Monday, February 2, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.**

- This cover sheet
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from instructors or professors who can speak to the applicant’s research efforts in SGQ Studies (one of these must be from the student’s major field of study)
- A current FAFSA (financial aid) form or copy of most recent Federal or State tax filing
- A 500-700 word essay that answers these two questions:
  - How is your research in your major enhanced by your coursework in SGQ Studies?
  - How have you contributed to creating a campus community that reflects your critical queer studies? (If you have engaged in activism either at the University or in the community where you live, please include this information here.)

Student Information (please print)

Name__________________________________________ Student I.D.#___________________

Home Address _________________________________________________________________

City___________________ State ________ Zip Code ____________  Date of Birth__________

Phone:____________________________________  E-Mail_____________________________

Questions? Contact the Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies at  503-725-3516, wgss@pdx.edu.

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