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## Chris Beasley Prize for Gender and Sexuality Theory

### Rules

#### Establishment

This Prize has been established by a donation to the University by Emerita Professor Chris Beasley, who founded the Fay Gale Centre (FGC) for Research on Gender (established in 2009) and was one of its first co-Directors (along with Professor Martha Augoustinos). The purpose of this award is to honour Professor Beasley's legacy and continuing work in advancing gender and sexuality theory, both nationally and internationally. The donor has agreed to support the prize at \$500 per year for three years (2021 – 2023) until otherwise determined by the University, and after discussions with the donor.

The Chris Beasley Award for Gender and Sexuality Theory recognises and honours outstanding achievement in the application of gender and/or sexuality theory to historical and/or contemporary scholarship.

#### Value

The value of the Prize will be \$500.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for the prize, candidates must:-

- be a FGC member<sup>1</sup> at the University; and/or
- be a higher degree by research student who is a member of the Alliance of Gender Scholars<sup>2</sup>, and;
  - has demonstrated an interest in research on gender and/or sexuality analysis;
  - must present a published work (a book, book chapter or journal article) that has been published in the 2 calendar years preceding the year in which the award is being made (*eligible publications must have been accepted for publication on-line and/or in print*);
  - must include with their application a commentary (up to 500-words) on how the use of gender/sexuality theory in the publication contributes to the broader field of gender and/or sexuality studies.

Only one submission per applicant each year will be accepted.

To avoid conflict of interest, no person on the FGC Management Committee or the selection committee is eligible for the Prize.

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<sup>1</sup> A member of the FGC is a person who has submitted a written application to become a member of the Centre, with said application being approved.

<sup>2</sup> The Alliance of Gender Scholars is a group of PhD students and Early Career Researchers from across the University who are interested in/and are conducting research in gender-related issues.

With regard to the publication submitted:-

- It should demonstrate a strong gender and/or sexuality focused conceptualisation of research, with appropriate and relevant gender/sexuality theory analysis. It must also demonstrate a significant application or advancement of gender and/or sexuality theory;
- In this setting, gender or sexuality theory analysis entails more than a simple focus on women, comparison of men and women, or account of sexuality, but should include a focus upon power relations in relation to gender and/or sexuality;
- Co-authored publications are permissible but the applicant must be first author;
- Research that is being undertaken as part of an advanced degree (Masters/PhD) requirement is eligible.

### **Selection of Candidate**

Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee comprising three members of the FGC on Gender Management Committee, including Emerita Professor Chris Beasley. In the event that the three members of the selection committee choose three different winners and are unable to negotiate an agreement, the Director of the Fay Gale Centre will make the final choice.

Applications will be assessed on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Contribution to feminist scholarship;
- Application of gender and sexuality theory to a historical or contemporary issue/topic;
- Quality (for example, well-written, persuasive argument).

If there is no candidate of sufficient merit in any given year, the Prize will not be awarded in that year, and the funds will be held in trust by the University and used to award it in the following year.

The same candidate cannot be awarded the Prize more than twice.

### **Variations**

In consultation with the donor, the University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.