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## Beverly Beasley and Family Prize

### Rules

#### Establishment

This Prize has been established by a donation to the University by Emerita Professor Chris Beasley (the founder of the Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender (FGC), her mother Beverly, and their family. The purpose of this Prize is to honour Dr Beverly Beasley and her family's legacy for their long-standing work to advance social justice in Higher Education and to encourage students dealing with financial difficulties and/or with social discrimination. The donor has agreed to support the prize at \$500 per year for a period of three years (2021 -2023) until otherwise determined by the University, and after discussions with the donor.

#### 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
- be able to demonstrate that they are (or have been) either in financial need (*confirmed through receipt of a government pension such as an Age or Disability Support Pension, Health Care card, CentreLink Youth Allowance or Abstudy*) OR of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, at any time or for any duration during their university studies

#### With regard to the work submitted

- it should demonstrate a strong focus on feminist, gender and/or sexuality approaches;
- be no longer than 10,000 words;
- sole authored work will be preferred in the event of two or more submissions of similar quality as assessed by the committee;
- co-authored works are permissible but the candidate in this case must be the lead author, have contributed of at least 60 per cent to the production of the paper and is required to provide a statement outlining their contribution (for example, project design; central ideas and argumentation, data collection and analysis, writing);
- it may arise from research that is being undertaken as part of an advanced degree (Masters/PhD) requirement.

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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.

### **Selection**

Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee normally comprising Emerita Professor Chris Beasley, a member of the FGC Management Committee (serving as Chair of the selection committee), and one other person with a background in feminist, gender and/or sexuality scholarship chosen by the FGC Management Committee.

The Chair of the selection committee may expand its numbers following the formation of this selection committee of three to a larger odd number, in response to the volume and nature of submissions in a given year. These additional members may include further members of the FGC Management Committee and/or others with an appropriate background. These additional members will be decided by agreement of the selection committee of three.

In the event that the three (or larger number of) members of the selection committee are unable to negotiate a selection decision regarding the winner of the Prize, the Director of the FGC will make the final choice from one of those chosen by the selection committee.

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

Only one submission per applicant each year will be accepted.

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

### **Applications will be assessed on the basis of the following selection criteria**

- contribution to feminist, gender and/or sexuality scholarship;
- 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 the Prize in the following year.

### **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.

Approved by Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President (Academic) 17 February 2022