
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 for Research on Gender (FGC) 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 member¹ at the University; and/or
- be a higher degree by research student who is a member of the Alliance of Gender Scholars², and
 - 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 and/or sexuality theory in the publication contributes to the broader field of gender and/or sexuality studies.

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, and must also demonstrate a significant application or advancement of gender and/or sexuality theory;
- gender/sexuality theory analysis entails more than a simple focus on women, comparison of men and women, or account of sexuality, but rather should include a focus upon power relations in relation to gender and/or sexuality;
- it will usually take the form of a book chapter or journal article (though other published formats are eligible), and will be no longer than 10,000 words;

¹ 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.

² 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.

- sole authored publication will be preferred in the event of two or more submissions of similar quality as assessed by the committee
- co-authored publications are permissible but the candidate in this case must be the lead author, have made a contribution 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.

Selection of Candidate

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 gender and/or sexuality 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.

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.

Rules approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice-President 17 February 2022