

Motion to modify the SoPhiA by-Laws in order to modify Section XIII

WHEREAS The Sheila Mason Bursary was distributed in the academic year 2017-2018 for the first time

WHEREAS Members of the 2017/2018 Sheila Mason Bursary Committee realized the mandate and application requirements did not reflect the purpose of the award

WHEREAS The submission received in 2018 did not meet the expectations of the Committee,

WHEREAS The deadlines of the call for papers, application, notification to the applicants and award ceremony have not and will not be respected during the academic year 2018/2019

WHEREAS The 2018/2019 SoPhiA executive team determined that the deadlines of the call for papers, application, notification to the applicants and award ceremony should be moved to later dates

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following changes be made to the By-Laws in order to clarify and institutionalize the purpose of the Sheila Mason Bursary

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the deadlines of the call for papers, application, notification to the applicants and award ceremony be moved to later dates

Current writing of 39b:

The person chosen seeks to promote diversity through both academic and community initiatives within the Philosophy program. This bursary will be awarded based upon initiative(s) made by the individual to promote inclusive thought and action within Concordia's philosophy department, and/or to prioritize the exploration of queer, postcolonial, intersectional, feminist, or race theory inside or outside of class settings.

Proposed changes:

It is our hope that these will be students who are able to provide both theoretical support to their ideas and examples of how these can be applied to society. Their thought and work aim to establish cooperative philosophical practices and spaces. They generate transformative discussions on oppressive academic and philosophical traditions, or on societal structures. They prioritize the exploration of queer, postcolonial, intersectional, feminist, or race theory (inside or outside of class settings) to mobilize action towards a paradigmatic shift of philosophical perspectives. Moreover, it is essential that they also concretely participate in social justice or community-based initiatives to promote inclusive thought and action, whether within Concordia's philosophy department or outside it.

Current 39c:

This award considers the disadvantages minorities face not only in Philosophy but throughout society, understanding that the work of underrepresented peoples are often held to standards which require significant effort extending beyond that of their peers. Applications will also be considered based upon financial need, given the way that class intersects with other forms of marginalization.

Proposed changes:

We would like to prioritize the accomplishments held by these individuals and provide a platform in order to honor their achievements. Due to historical marginalization and underrepresentation of these people, particularly within philosophy, we hope that this bursary will encourage more students to participate in philosophy, adding their own perspectives, personal narratives and insights to academic and philosophical discourse. Additionally, this award considers the disadvantages minorities face not only in Philosophy but throughout society. Applications will also be considered based upon financial need, given the way that class intersects with other forms of marginalization.

Current 40c:

An application form must be required, and on that application form must be included a check box indicating whether the student applicant belongs to one or more of the eligible candidate groups.

Proposed changes:

An application form must be required, and on that application form the following text must appear: "By submitting this application, the student applicant confirms that they belong to one or more of

the eligible candidate groups (women, LGBTQAI+ (lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, asexual, intersex, and others included under this umbrella), BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of colour), and students with disabilities, as self-disclosed). (SoPhiA By-Laws, 40b and c)”

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- a) The bursary availability must be announced no later than 1 January.
- b) The deadline for applying is 17 March, six weeks prior to 28 April. This deadline may be subject to change for future years, if the number of applications greatly increases and more time is required for deliberation upon the recipient.
- c) All applicants will be notified by email regarding the acceptance or rejection of their application no less than one week prior to 28 April
- d) The bursary will be given to the recipient in cheque form on 28 April, at which time it will be presented in tandem with the Vladimir Zeman award.

Proposed changes:

- a) The bursary availability must be announced no later than February 1st of each academic year.
- b) The deadline for applying is April 1st of each academic year. This deadline may be subject to change for future years, if the number of applications greatly increases and more time is required for deliberation upon the recipient.
- c) All applicants will be notified by email regarding the acceptance or rejection of their application no less than one week prior to the award ceremony.
- d) The bursary will be given to the recipient in cheque form on the date of the award ceremony, where the Vladimir Zeman award will also be distributed.