

# U of O Offers Scholarship for Queer Studies

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Although there are not a lot of courses with queer content offered at the University of Ottawa, a scholarship will soon be available for U of O students who want to study issues affecting the gay and lesbian community.

The Lambda Foundation for Excellence, a national

organization for the promotion of queer issues, is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for graduate students working in the area of lesbian and gay studies at the U of O.

The first recipient of the award is Peggy Schmeiser, a Ph.D student in religious studies. She is researching the portrayal of women in cinema by studying gender and intimacy within a religious context.

The University of Ottawa is the first university at which Lambda will offer the scholarship. Next year it will be offered at Carleton. The scholarship will serve as a model for the implementation of a national scholarship program.

The scholarship will be open to all graduate students or university researchers in all fields of study who are undertaking research projects relating to gay and lesbian

studies. The recipient doesn't have to be queer.

Jackie Henley, Student Federation co-commissioner for lesbian, gay and bisexual students is excited about the scholarship. "Hopefully [the scholarship] will help make more people aware that they can follow a lesbian and gay course of study which will hopefully make the university offer more programs."

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