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Dear Joanna:

I am writing to you with some exciting news about the CFUW Dr. A. Vibert Douglas Fellowship. CFUW has recently taken over the administration of the award and has opened it to members of the organizations belonging to IAW in addition to the members of Graduate Women International (GWI).

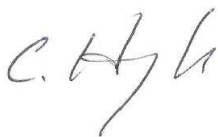
Dr. A Vibert Douglas was an internationally known astrophysicist and was President of the International Federation of University Women (now known as Graduate Women International) from 1947-1950. She was also convenor of the CFUW Fellowships Committee and was on the GWI Fellowships Committee for eighteen years.

The Fellowship is for a PhD thesis/project which must focus on advancing gender equality and be led by women. The criteria and examples of the types of thesis or project that are included are provided in Appendix A. The amount of the award is \$8,000 CDN.

Once the promotional materials for the Fellowship are available, I hope that you will advertise its availability to your members.

Should you have any questions on the matter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Cheryl Hayles
VP, International Relations

CFUW Dr. A. Vibert Douglas Fellowship

Introduction

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Dr. Douglas was convenor of the CFUW Fellowships Committee and was on the GWI Fellowships Committee for eighteen years. In her honour, CFUW set up the fellowship awarded for the first time in 1958.

The Fellowship is administered by the Canadian Federation of University Women.

This award constitutes one grant in the amount of \$8,000 Canadian. Each project is evaluated by members of the CFUW Fellowships Committee, whose decision is final. No individual critiques can be provided. If no submissions meet the jury's requirements, the money will be returned to CFUW for a possible double award the following year.

Applications can be made in either official language, English or French.

General Criteria

1. The PhD thesis/project must focus on advancing gender equality and be led by women. It is not restricted to a specific field of studies. Some examples falling within our criteria:
 - a) Thesis/project in the field of Computer Science focusing on exploring the gender bias in big data
 - b) Thesis/project in the field of Law or International Law on access to justice for Indigenous women
 - c) Thesis/project in the field of Philosophy in Pharmacy on sex and gender bias in clinical research
 - d) Thesis/project in the field of International Development on an intersectional feminist approach to international cooperation.Students in any branch of learning may apply but their program must demonstrate relevance to CFUW's mission, aims and objectives.
2. The PhD thesis/project must be well-defined in terms of objectives, implementation and expected result and must reflect good scholarship.

3. The Fellowship is offered for the second and subsequent years of a doctoral program. Applicants are required to submit proof of completion of the first year of the program by the time of the closing date for applications.
4. Applicants must have completed at least one year of a doctoral program.
5. All candidates must have obtained admission to the proposed place of study.
6. The Fellowship can be used in any country other than the one in which the applicant was educated and other than the one in which the applicant habitually resides.
7. The Fellowship is for 8 to 12 months of study/work and is intended to enhance the original research or scholarship in which the postgraduate applicant is already engaged.
8. The Fellowship is open to members of Graduate Women International (GWI) either through a National Federation or Association or through independent membership in GWI and to members of the organizations belonging to the International Alliance of Women (IAW).
9. The Fellowship is in the amount of \$8,000.
10. The Fellowship is not renewable.
11. The application fee is \$60 to apply.

Applications must include:

12. A Statement of Intent outlining the work to be accomplished, including objectives of the study and methodology.
13. A Curriculum Vitae outlining summary of education, scholarships/awards, publications, and all work experience, especially that which relates to the research area or project.
14. Three academic Referee Assessments.

15. How the project relates to the objectives of the Dr. A. Vibert Douglas Fellowship, that is, to the continuation, promotion and support of work in gender equality.

Selection Criteria

- Motivation for PhD thesis research/project.
- Originality and feasibility of proposed research/project.
- Projected application of research topic and how this will benefit women and girls.
- Planned research and professional goals following completion of the research/project and how this will further the applicant's career.
- The online application form and instructions will be available in May 2018. The website is: www.cfuw.org.
- Closing date for applications is: November 1, 2018.