Each year, the Women’s & Gender Studies Program gives an award for research or creative projects that explore how gender roles shape our lives and identities. Possible themes that projects might explore include:

- Gender role stereotyping
- The relationship between gender and other social factors, such as class, race, ethnicity, or nationality
- Cultural issues such as eating disorders, steroid use, domestic violence, rape and sexual violence
- Gender and non-traditional occupations
- Women’s experiences in school, the workplace, or the political arena
- Gender identity or sexuality (including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer identities)

We welcome a diverse range of research, critical work, and creative projects, including traditional research papers, film/video, artistic works, and multi-media and digital projects. Winning projects will reflect an awareness of feminist thinking about culture and society.

**Who Can Submit Projects:**

- Any student currently enrolled at Georgia Southern, full or part-time, in any field of study. There will be **one award for undergraduate** research/creative projects and **one award for graduate** research/creative projects.
- You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

**Why You Should Submit Your Project:**

- You might win and get a cool award on honors day
- You build your resume and impress employers and graduate school admission committees
- You value your work and want to show others that it is valuable

**How to Apply:**

- Write a letter that explains:
  - Your major and minor areas of study
  - What inspired your project and what you learned from doing it
  - How the project reflects the goals and values of the Women’s & Gender Studies Program (you might want to consult the mission statement on the WGST web site to help you think about this – see [http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/wgender](http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/wgender), or consult with a mentor.
  - Do not include your name any place in the letter
- Fill out the Project Submission Cover Page (this is the only place that your name will appear). See the attached sheet.
- Email (preferred) or mail a copy of the Cover Page, Letter Describing Project, and Project to: Dr. Lisa A. Costello, Director, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, PO Box 8049 or wgss@georgiasouthern.edu
- If you have questions, email Dr. Lisa A. Costello at: lacostello@georgiasouthern.edu

**When to Apply:**

- Submissions are due by 5:00 PM on February 1st each year. (Should the 1st fall on a weekend, the next working weekday will be the deadline.)

**Submission Checklist:**

- Project Cover Page
- Letter Describing Project
- Project
Title of Project: __________________________________________

Name of Student Author: __________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP __________________________________________

Local phone: _______________ E-mail address: ________________

Major Area of Study __________ Minor Area of Study: __________

Undergraduate __________ Graduate __________

Date: _________________ GPA: _______________

Names of two references (at least one of whom should be a GSU faculty member)

Faculty Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: _________________ Email: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________________________________

Phone: _________________ Email: ___________________________

Attach Application Cover Page, Letter Describing project, and Project.
For multiple authored works, attach one cover Page per author.
Submit to:

Lisa A. Costello, Director, Women’s and Gender Studies
Carroll building, room 2288 or PO Box 8049
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