



LAMBDA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION CANADA ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The year 2017-2018 has been a successful fundraising one for Lambda Foundation, due to the quite unexpected generosity of donors and community organizations that have helped us set up new awards and maintain our established ones. We are a non-profit, volunteer board and most of the money we raise involves LGBTI issues and people, and is forwarded to our endowments, awards and recipients at nine Canadian universities and one high school.

Some of our donors wish to remain anonymous. This year, we received a \$5,000+ surprise legacy from the will of one of our late supporters and \$2,500 for a generous new tuition award from two other donors, the first of four installments.

In addition, Guy Tiphane has financed a new \$3,000 Lambda French-language writing prize at his alma mater, l'université de Montréal, and RBC and the Ottawa community fundraiser, Swirl and Twirl, made Lambda the beneficiary of close to another \$3,000. As always, other donors contributed various amounts to Lambda Foundation over the year. We are very, very grateful to all our generous supporters. Thank you so much!

Our Lambda Tuition Award in STEM Studies

This fall, we hoped to give out a new tuition award in STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) to a deserving LGBT person starting undergraduate studies at the University of Alberta. We worked out the details with our generous anonymous donors who have pledged \$2,500 a year for four years to the deserving recipient. Because we had a late start for this year, we did not have any applications for the award, despite our networking efforts over the summer. This was disappointing but not really surprising. It actually does take awhile for a new award to find its feet in the academic world, so we are going to invite applications for September 2019 instead. We hope this will be the first award in a series of tuition awards that Lambda Foundation is preparing to administer for outstanding LGBTI people who are “out”, have contributed constructive energy to our community and want to take an undergraduate degree. We would organize the award applications, decide on the successful applicant, and send at least \$1000 per year for four years to the registrar of the recipient’s program to help with tuition, assuming they keep their grades high enough to stay in school. We hope there will eventually be

a series of awards under the Lambda Tuition Award Fund. We could specify a particular area of study for one award, or a particular university or college for another. Much would depend on our donors' visions, generosity and their willingness to act now and/or leave a legacy later.

Lambda's Awards for writing and research:

Most of the money we raise at Lambda Foundation these days still goes into our LGBTQ+ writing and research awards at nine universities across Canada. Our newest is the Lambda Award for Excellence in French Language Writing in the Department of Literature at l'université de Montréal. It is financed by the very generous Guy Tiphane, who called us up one day, out of the blue, to offer \$3,000 a year for this award at his alma mater. It was established and awarded in a matter of weeks, which was surely a record of some kind.

Most of our research awards still operate through endowments set up with the universities concerned. When Lambda receives donations, we forward the funds to the host universities at the end of the year, and we also liaise with the on-campus development offices, professors, student associations and campus media to promote excellent applications. The universities invest the endowment funds carefully, each in their own way, and the annual payouts, that is, the interest they earn, constitute the awards. They do not touch the principal. The universities' awards committees (in some cases in consultation with Lambda), decide whose research on LGBTI issues merit the awards.

Here are the endowment totals and two awards (in rounded-off figures) as of April 30, 2018.

Gary Sealey and Friends of Lambda Award Carleton University	\$61,250 endowment	\$2,430 award
Grant Halle Lambda Award Laurentian University	\$21,100 endowment	\$644 award
Candis Graham Writing Scholarship University of Victoria	\$39,196 endowment	\$1,575 award

Approximate endowment values for the following awards will be updated as we receive information:

Nicole LaViolette and Friends of Lambda Prize University of Ottawa

The Christian Landry Memorial Award University of New Brunswick

Fonds des bourses Fondation Lambda Université de Montréal

Lambda Foundation Scholarship in Gay and Lesbian Studies, University of Guelph

Les McAfee Memorial Award, University of Manitoba

We have three other awards:

The new **Prix de la Fondation Lambda**, Université de Montréal, generously donated by Guy Tiphane for an outstanding student at his alma mater. « Ce prix d'excellence de 3000\$ récompense chaque année la meilleure thèse ou le meilleur mémoire déposé au Département des littératures de langue française abordant des questions liées à la réalité lesbienne, gaie, bisexuelle ou transgenre. »

The bi-annual, **Doctor Gary Gibson Award** at UBC/St. Paul's Hospital Foundation in Vancouver. This \$1000 award is named after the late, gay physician who specialized in treating HIV-related illnesses. The award goes to a resident doctor doing medical research to benefit LGBTI patients. It is not the product of a multi-thousand dollar university endowment, but we raise it every second year through donations to Lambda Foundation's Gary Gibson Fund. We send the award money to the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, which chooses the worthy recipient. There was no award for 2018 but we are offering one in 2019.

The Jack Hallam Human Rights Award at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on Salt Spring Island, BC. This \$1000 award challenges the students to consider the ways that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation intersects with other forms of bias, such as race, religion and gender, and allows them to submit presentations in the formats of their choice, including essays, videos and social media productions.

For our current award winners and their interests, please visit our website at

www.lambdafoundation.org and check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Lambda-Foundation-Fondation-Lambda-47501658828/>

Our New President and Members of the Board of Directors

Our new President is **Patrizia Gentile**, is Associate Professor in the Human Rights & Social Justice/Women's and Gender Studies programs at Carleton University. She is an historian of gender and sexuality and also teaches courses in queer theory. Our former president, **Barbara Freeman**, who is a media historian, will remain as a director on the board for one more year. **Cameron Aitken**, who has both theatre and fundraising experience, is our new vice-president, replacing Chris Fox, a fine academic editor, who has left the board after five years of helpful service. **Jefferson Morris IV**, who has worked with a number of LGBTI organizations, directs our social media and does outreach for our Francophone awards. Our other directors are our Secretary, **Michael Graydon**, a Sociology professor at Algoma University, who also does our Anglophone awards outreach. **Tuan Vu**, a financial expert, is our Treasurer and **Meryn Stuart**, a retired Nursing professor from the University of Ottawa, is a director at large. We also welcome new volunteers who are not on the board, but want to assist Lambda in different ways. **Tony Truong** helped us a great deal with administration and fundraising events this past year, for which we are very grateful. A former V-P of Lambda and secondary school teacher, **Bill Turner**, is our volunteer on Salt Spring Island, BC, where we have our high school award. All our directors and volunteers are members of the Lambda Foundation, and any of our donors are free to become members on an annual basis. There is no membership fee.

Thank you to outgoing Lambda President, Barbara Freeman!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the board to thank Barbara Freeman for her tireless efforts and commitment to the Lambda Foundation for more than a decade. Barbara became the president in 2011 but her participation as a volunteer began 10 years before in 2001. In this period, Barbara has helped build the foundation into one of Canada's most important scholarship organization by working to establish new scholarships and ensuring the stability and sustainability of our established awards. Barbara has left her mark on every part of this foundation: as an activist, as an academic, and as a friend. We are grateful for her work and her continued interest to volunteer and advocate for LGBTQ+ youth. (Patrizia Gentile)

Thank you for your continuing support of Lambda Scholarship Foundation Canada.

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