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To start, the entire Lambda Board of Directors would like to extend a sincere thank you on behalf to our donors, the institutions we work with, and our scholarship winners. We have worked in the 2021-2022 academic year to advance the mission statement of the Lambda Canada Scholarship Foundation to:

- **create graduate and undergraduate university scholarships to further research pertaining to Two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, plus (2SLGBTQ+) and queer, trans, Black, Indigenous, people of colour (QTBIPOC) studies;**
- **advance education that fights against oppression and discrimination; and**
- **mobilize knowledge across academic and non-academic communities by supporting 2SLGBTQ+ and QTBIPOC students in their academic pursuits by establishing networking opportunities in academic and non-academic settings.**

As we continue to experience a period of unprecedented unpredictability, both domestically and globally, it is crucial for us all to celebrate our accomplishments. In the past year, we have maintained and grown the Lambda Awards offering. This year the second award winner of the Concordia Lambda Scholarship award will be announced and we continue to ensure our roster is regularly awarded.

Sometimes awards that have been regularly awarded lapse for a year or come to an end. This is the case with the Jack Hallam Award; while it has ended for now, we hope to continue awarding this important award in years to come. In British Columbia, the Dr. Gary Gibson Lambda Foundation Award is entering into its final 2 installments.

Finally, we have two new awards on the horizon at McMaster University and the University of Ottawa. The Lambda Board has worked to advance our statement regarding advancing awards/scholarships that could directly impact QTBIPOC communities. We hope that our new awards and outreach will help to actualize the sentiments laid out in this statement.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Board President of the Lambda Scholarship Foundation Canada and I look forward to the years ahead. Thank you to my dedicated team of volunteers—our board members and the incomparable Jefferson Morrison who administers our social media presence.



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## **Board Membership**

In the summer, a longtime board member Dr Michael Graydon resigned from the Lambda Board to focus on his research. Dr Graydon completed his PhD at Carleton University and took a number of posts, resulting in over a decade teaching at Algoma University in the Department of Sociology. His current sabbatical is focused on writing a book on the Gays of Ottawa and other activists groups in the 80s-90s. We would like to thank Michael for his longtime involvement with the Lambda Board and for always being a resource for institutional knowledge.

As we began this year, there were four new members to the board of the Lambda Scholarship Foundation Canada. With this in mind, our focus at the start of the year was onboarding the new Board members. Two of the new members unfortunately resigned in the first part of the year due to overcommitment.

After discussing with the board at the last regular meeting, we decided not to run a recruitment cycle before the 2022 Annual General Meeting. We have the ability to continue with quorum during the next regular cycle. We will look to onboard new board members, potentially from a list of recent award winners, over the year to come.

## **Capacity**

Although in 2021 there was a capacity funding stream listed by the Enchante Network, this was not reposted for 2022. This aligns with their current call to action for their member organizations: Taken from the Enchante Network [website](#):

**Currently, the federal government is developing the first-ever LGBTQ2 National Action Plan. On this page, we will outline three calls to action for the government to address in the LGBTQ2 National Action Plan. These calls to action are essential to advancing the health, safety and rights of 2SLGBTQI+ communities.**

- 1) 25M in annual federal funding dedicated to 2SLGBTQ+ organizations.
- 2) The LGBTQ2 Secretariat requires permanent federal funding.
- 3) The federal government cannot press pause on funding 2SLGBTQI+ organizations.



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We will continue to explore opportunities through the Enchante Network to offer training to Board Members and to advance our mandate.

## **Funding Opportunities**

Throughout this year the first goal was for Lambda to submit to the Canada Summer Jobs fund, through ESDC. This was submitted in January 2022 and no response was formally given from ESDC, despite multiple attempts at contact in the spring. We were unsuccessful in this matter.

We also had a meeting with Michelle Douglas from the Purge Foundation and have an open invitation to apply for funding. We might consider an application for funding a scholarship or scholarships that would:

- 1) Directly impact members of the purge class action lawsuit, or
- 2) explore this time in Canadian history and its lasting impact.

## **New Awards**

We made progress in establishing two potential new awards. A new award at McMaster University was funded by the Lambda Board and our generous donors. A second new award has been funded by a generous Donor wishing to support QTBIPOC law school students at the University of Ottawa.

## **Awards Report**

<b>University</b>	<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
Concordia University	Lambda Scholarship Tuition Award	First year in September 2021 (Aaron Afdehah) and second in the fall of 2022
University of Ottawa	Nicole LaViolette Friends of Lambda Prize	Awarded to Raymond McKie
Gulf Islands High School	Jack Hallam Human Rights Award	Na
University of Alberta	Lambda Tuition Award	Year 4/4 for Spencer O'Hara
University of Guelph	Lambda Foundation	Winners chosen, names



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	Scholarship in LGBT Studies	pending
University of Manitoba	Lambda Foundation for Excellence --Les MacAfee Memorial Award	Names Pending
Carleton University	Gary Sealey Friends of Lambda Award	Alberto Barbosa
Laurentian University	Grante Halle Lambda Award	Na
UBC St. Paul's Hospital	Dr.Gary Gibson Lambda Foundation Award	Relaunching in 2022
University of New Brunswick	Christian Landry Memorial Award for Graduate Studies	Patrick Hickey
Université de Montréal	Bourses Fondation Lambda Pour l'Excellence	Maxim and Lamiae
University of Victoria	Candis Graham Writing Scholarship, Lambda	Name pending for 2022

The award at McMaster University for Queer/Trans and BIPOPC Graduates has been tendered and a cheque has been issued. This award will be announced in the 2022-2023 academic year and is currently for a three year period. We are committed to prioritizing fundraising to fund the final installment of this award and future short term projects.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the Lambda Board and Volunteers for their continued dedication to our mission statement and maintaining our endowments. This includes ongoing communication and aid from past Board Presidents and Directors. Lambda recruits new board members on an as-needed basis. If you would like to put your name forward to join the Board, email [lambdafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lambdafoundation@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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