

2025-26 Burstow Scholarship for Studies in Activism from the Margins

Overview:

Application Deadline:	Friday, May 9, 2025 at 4:30 PM
Value/Duration:	\$15,000 for 1 year
Level of Study:	Master's or Doctoral
Required Legal Status:	Domestic or International
SGS Results	Late June 2025

Purpose:

The Burstow Scholarship for Studies in Activism from the Margins was established with the support of Professor Bonnie Burstow and other donors. This scholarship is awarded based on academic merit to registered graduate students working on a thesis focused on activism by or about populations traditionally thought of as mad, or which would once have been so conceptualized.

Eligibility:

Recipients must:

Criteria:	Details:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be registered in a full-time master's or doctoral program at the University of Toronto in the 2025-2026 academic year. 	<p>Please note that students must be registered in a program with a thesis; students in professional degree programs without a thesis are ineligible to apply.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be conducting research leading to a thesis in the field of radical mad perspectives or mad studies. 	<p>Studies may include trans-disciplinary mad studies focused on non-medicalized approaches to madness in relation to disability, history, gender, sexuality, age, culture, normalcy, and other intersections.</p>

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be assessed on their merit, quality of research, the vision that they bring to their endeavours, and the significance of the applicant's work, as indicated by:

1. The statement of research that demonstrates how the applicant's work falls within the field of radical mad perspectives or mad studies and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in this field;
2. Academic achievements, demonstrated by transcripts, awards and distinctions;
3. Relevant professional, academic, and extracurricular experience, including research training, as evidenced by papers presented at conferences, the candidate's publication record, and community or volunteer work in related areas; and
4. The letter of recommendation.

Application Process:

To apply, students must complete the following steps by the submission deadline (Friday, May 9, 2025 at 4:30 PM ET):

Items to Upload:	Details:
Complete the ONLINE FORM	Please note that you must have an activated UTORid (with utoronto email address) in order to complete the form. If you are having trouble accessing the form, please try opening the link in a private/incognito window and logging in using your utoronto email address. If you do not have a UTORid yet but you wish to submit an application, please contact janine.harper@utoronto.ca for assistance.
Ask your a referee to submit a confidential letter of recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum 1 page• Signed by the referee with institutional letterhead• Send directly to janine.harper@utoronto.ca

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

For more information on required application components and additional application reminders, please refer to the [University of Toronto Burstow Scholarship for Studies in Activism from the Margins](#) webpage.

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Results:

The SGS Graduate Awards Office will notify applicants of the results in late June 2025.

Questions?

Please direct all questions regarding the Burstow Scholarship for Studies in Activism from the Margins competition or application process to:

- **Janine Harper** (Graduate Awards Officer)
- **Phone:** 416-978-3555
- **Email:** janine.harper@utoronto.ca

Thank You & Good Luck!