

## **2010-2011 Recipient of City of Toronto Undergraduate Scholarship in Women's Studies at the University of Toronto**

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<b>To:</b>	Executive Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Manager
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### **SUMMARY**

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This report advises Council that the University of Toronto has selected the 2010-2011 recipient of the City of Toronto Undergraduate scholarship in Women's Studies.

The selection of recipients of other City scholarships at the University of Toronto will take place in the fall 2010. These include scholarships in Community Health Nursing, Mathematics and Aboriginal Health and a graduate scholarship in Women's Studies.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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The City Manager recommends that City Council extend congratulations to Leah Burke as the 2010-2011 recipient of City of Toronto undergraduate scholarship in Women's Studies at the University of Toronto.

#### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact arising from this report. In 1997, the City of Toronto transferred endowment funds to the University of Toronto to support these awards in perpetuity.

#### **Equity Impact Statement**

Higher education plays a significant role in achieving equality of opportunity and by contributing to advancing studies in fields which address equity and human rights issues and by increasing the representation of students from diverse backgrounds in various academic fields.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

In 1985, the former City of Toronto established an endowment fund, which provided an annual scholarship at the University of Toronto named “The City of Toronto Women’s Studies Scholarship”.

The Agreement between the University and the City provides for the Registrar’s office of the University of Toronto to co-ordinate the selection process with staff in the Diversity Management and Community Engagement Unit, City Manager's Office. This agreement also provides for award increases if there are increases to the return on the endowment.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The scholarship was established for several purposes: to commemorate the centenary of the admission of women students to the University; to recognise the significance higher education plays in the achievement of equality of opportunity; and to encourage students to continue on to the graduate level in women’s studies. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of need, the student’s performance and is given to the student deemed most likely to contribute to studies on the status of women, community studies and public policy. The undergraduate scholarship is given to a student entering fourth year.

## **COMMENTS**

The University of Toronto has advised that Leah Burke has been selected as the 2010-2011 recipient of the City of Toronto Scholarship in Women's Studies awarded to an undergraduate.

Recipients of the other City of Toronto scholarships at the University of Toronto will be selected in the fall 2010 and reported at a later date.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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