



Triennial Report of the Committee for the Award of International Fellowships, Grants and other Awards

A single competition was held during the triennium offering awards for postgraduate research and training to be carried out during 2008/2009. For the first time the entire process, from application to assessment, was conducted electronically. Eighty applications were received, 16 proposed by national federations and associations and the remainder from independent members. After preliminary screening, 52 applications were considered in the final round.

Eighteen fellowships and grants totalling CHF 75,000 were distributed to the successful candidates. Three recipients subsequently changed their project topics due to academic or political problems. In all three cases, the revised topics still fulfilled the original aims of the award. One recipient asked for an extension in the grant period after changing to part time status due to illness.

2008/2009 Fellows and Grantees

Name	Award	Amount	Title of research project	Country of origin
SATO Midori (Independent Member)	British Federation Crosby Hall Fellowship	£2500	Free Essential Health Care (FEHC) Policy for the Poor and Marginalized in Nepal (PhD)	Japan
RUWANPURA Eshani	Marjorie Shaw Fellowship	£3500	Socio-cultural constructions of sexuality implications for the reproductive health status of young Sri Lankan women (PhD)	Sri Lanka
KREY Anke	CFUW Vibert Douglas Fellowship	C\$ 12000	Neurochemical disruption associated with mercury exposure in ringed seals & polar bears (PhD)	Germany
BRAGA Carla (Independent Member)	Ruth Bowden Fellowship	CHF 8000	Pregnant women in Central Mozambique: Biopower, transnational govertnality & Women's experience of living with AIDS (PhD)	Mozambique
DEMETER Dalma (Independent Member)	Australian Universities Grant	CHF 5000	Cohabitation & conflict between different sources of norms governing international commercial arbitration	Hungary
PEKMOZOVIC Alma	Ida Smedley Maclean Fellowship	CHF 10000	SJD Degree in comparative corporate governance (PhD)	Australia
CAMMARANO Cristina (Independent Member)	Ida Smedley Maclean Fellowship	CHF 10000	Teacher education for a multicultural classroom? Suggestions for a philosophy of multicultural education for teachers (PhD)	Italy

ZAGHLOUL Esmat Samir	Winifred Cullis Grant	CHF 6000	Helicopter blades & wind turbine aeromechanical design (PhD)	Egypt
UZOECHINA Chinwe (Independent Member)	Dorothy Leet Grant	CHF 6000	Female genital mutilation as it affects the health of women & young girls (Masters)	Nigeria
SITTIRAK Sinith (Independent Member)	Daphne Purves Grant	CHF 3000	The politics of knowledge production in the Thai women's movement: A critical postcolonial-Feminist reclaiming of subaltern knowledge utilizing grassroots archives of Pornpel Meuansri, a farmer woman (PhD)	Thailand
CORREA Sandra (Independent Member)	Recognition Award	CHF 1500	Frugivory in fishes – Ecological & evolutionary perspectives, with implications for aquatic ecosystem functioning & conservation (PhD)	Colombia
GHEAUS Anca (Independent Member)	Recognition Award	CHF 1500	Care & justice in Feminist Ethics: How to make room for human decency (Post Doc)	Romania
PRIBYL Rosario (Independent Member)	Recognition Award	CHF 1500	Ethnomedical practices of traditional healers in Lima: Patterns and examples within the medical pluralism in Peru (PhD)	Peru
ALBIN Einat	Recognition Award	CHF 1500	Revisiting the universal approach adopted in labour-protective-legislations: A socio-legal analysis of socially & economically disadvantaged workers in the British hospitality industry (PhD)	Israel
CROSS Arwen	Recognition Award	CHF 1500	Investigations of the molecular mechanism of gene silencing by miRNA (PhD)	Australia
PICCIOLI Iliaria	Recognition Award	CHF 1500	When nationalism threatens stability: Europe in need of a common approach (PhD)	Italy
AJANA Btihaj (Independent Member)	Recognition Award	CHF 1000	Biopolitics & bioethnics of biometrics: ID cards & the will to low risk identities (PhD)	France/Morocco
SCOTT Jessica	Recognition Award	CHF 1000	The effects of prolonged exercise on cardiac calcium sensitivity: Underlying mechanisms of cardiac fatigue in male and female Triathletes (PhD)	Canada

Donations

The Committee extends its thanks to all who support our work so that we may support others less fortunate than ourselves in their efforts to advance knowledge. Approximately CHF 2000 was raised at the 29th IFUW Conference in Manchester. Another CHF 8000 came from interest on the Ida Smedley MacLean funds administered for IFUW by the British Federation in England. Special recognition goes to the Canadian and British Federation for their ongoing funding of the CFUW/A. Vibert Douglas and the British Federation Crosby Hall Fellowships; to the New Zealand Federation for their large annual donations; to the Australian Federation, who funded the Australian Universities Grant from proceeds from the Australian Evening at the 28th Conference in Perth; and to individual donors from around the world. The support of NFAs and individual members is essential if IFUW is to continue this important work.

Future Competitions

The Committee reviewed the process and procedures used for the 2008/2009 competition, but deemed that no additional streamlining was necessary. This, of course, can be open to review in the future.

The next competition, which will offer awards for 2011/2012, opened in March. We encourage all national federations and associations to advertise this opportunity to their members.

At present we are blessed with a wide range of expertise available both within the committee and access to outside expertise. In looking to next triennium, I cannot stress enough the need for members appointed to be active in research in order to understand the process necessary for implementation of the committee's remit.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work and diligence during this triennium, as well as the staff at IFUW Headquarters in Geneva for their advice and help.

*Professor Cynthia Burek, Convener
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