The Women’s Studies Department is accepting applications for the 2017 Anita Clair Fellman Service Learning scholarship. This scholarship intends to support graduate and undergraduate students who are conducting original community-based research or a service-learning initiative that meets the goals of the department’s scholar-activist guiding principles.

Service-learning incorporates community work into the curriculum, giving students real-world learning experiences that enhance their academic learning while providing a tangible benefit for the community.

-Campus Compact

Service learning projects draw from classroom content and apply these perspectives within communities, at the local, national and global levels. In Women’s Studies, this practice is motivated by a deep-rooted connection to the central link between scholarship and activism. We seek to offer financial support for students who wish to take Women’s studies theories, methods and perspectives into applied settings, either locally or globally. Students may wish to conduct research for a community-based organization, develop a website campaign, raise funds for a cause or contribute a collection of life stories that serve a community. Film, artistic and creative projects are welcome as valuable service-learning initiatives. The goal of this scholarship is to provide students with resources that will make a difference in the realization of larger projects beyond the classroom.

Scholarship applications will be reviewed using two criteria: 1) the quality of academic performance in Women’s Studies (including GPA); 2) the originality, feasibility and organization of the proposed community-based research/service-learning project. Projects submitted for this scholarship must be carried out during the one-year course of this scholarship, from Summer 2017-Spring 2018. Projects already underway will also be considered for funding support. All scholarship recipients will be mentored by a faculty member throughout the scholarship term. At the end of the scholarship period, recipients will be required to write a final report on the outcomes of their project and its impact within the community. Recipients of the scholarship will be expected to present their project during the Spring semester at a university-community event or a conference.

Scholarship Requirements
1) Women’s Studies major for undergraduates; graduate certificate enrollment for M.A. and Ph.D. students
2) 3.0 GPA

Students interested in applying for this scholarship are asked to write a 1-2-page application that includes the following:

1) An overview of your history and area of interest in Women’s Studies
2) Description of the community-based research project
3) An explanation of how the project is service-learning in orientation
4) Population to be served
5) Demonstration of the project’s link to the field of Women’s Studies
6) Any relevant additional information

Applicants must turn in printed package that includes the project description, a resume and a printed transcript. All applications will be due on **May 5 at 5:00** in the Women’s Studies main office. Please email your proposal to Terri Hughes at tjhughes@odu.edu.

A faculty committee will review applications for this scholarship and inform candidates of their status by May 31, 2017.