

Call for Submissions

Ending Sexual Violence: Student Research Forum & Award 2025

At MacEwan, we are committed to ending sexual violence. Research is a key tool in our efforts to do so. Our Student Research Forum and Award recognizes outstanding student research and creative work being done on this issue. We invite all students to submit a paper, project, or creative work they submitted for a course that they were enrolled in at MacEwan University during the 2024 calendar year on the topic of sexual violence.

We understand sexual violence broadly, in alignment with our MacEwan policy, which defines sexual violence as “Any sexualized act or act targeting a person’s sexuality that is committed, threatened, or attempted against a person without that person’s Consent. Sexual Violence varies in severity, can be physical or psychological in nature, and may include but is not limited to all forms of sexual contact, sexual humiliation, sexual exploitation, degrading sexual imagery, sending unwanted sexualized text messages, cyber harassment, indecent or sexualized exposure via electronic or social media or otherwise, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Discrimination, Stalking, and Sexual Assault.”

We encourage students from *all disciplines* to submit papers and creative works that examine any aspect of this issue, including *but not limited to*:

- cultural representations of violence
- rape culture
- medical system responses to sexual violence
- criminal justice responses to sexual violence
- anti-violence activism
- violence in the workplace or in the family
- sexual violence prevention
- Gender and sexual violence (e.g., toxic masculinity, gender normativity)
- LGBTQ2s+ experiences of sexual violence
- sexual violence and racism
- sexual violence and settler colonialism
- sexual violence in literature
- historical understandings of sexual violence

Eligibility:

The student submitting the paper or creative work must:

- Be a student who is currently enrolled or recently enrolled at MacEwan University.
- Have completed the paper or creative work as a component of course work during a semester in 2024 (i.e., Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall).
- Be the sole author of the paper or creative work. Only one submission per student is allowed.
- Submit a Faculty Endorsement Form (attached) completed by the professor who taught the course.
- Be available to present the paper or creative work on January 31, 2025.

Paper Submissions

- The paper must be between 2000 – 7000 words long, not including references, tables, or captions.
- The submission should include a title page and an abstract summarizing the paper and its fit within the scope of this award (200 words).

Creative Work Submissions

We welcome the submission of creative works, including creative writing, poetry, visual art, musical composition, and performance. Those submitting creative works must:

- Include an abstract or written description summarizing the creative work and its fit within the scope of this award (200 words).
- Include a research-based artist statement, situated in scholarly work and its disciplinary context (minimum 500 words).
- If applicable, include information about space and/or technical requirements for exhibition of the creative work.
- If applicable, include images, recordings, or other documentation of the work.

Formatting Requirements for all Submissions

All written components of submissions must be double-spaced; include a standard font (e.g. Times New Roman); have standard margins (1”) / indents (of 5 spaces); and use a consistent citation style throughout.

Research Forum and Award Presentation:

Individuals whose submissions are successful will be asked to deliver either a presentation of their paper or an artist talk and/or performance at our Research Forum, tentatively scheduled for **Friday, January 31, 2025**. This Forum will be open to the public. We hope to attract a wide range of attendees to hear and learn from the research presentations.

Of the papers and creative works selected for the Forum, one will be chosen as the winner of the Ending Sexual Violence Student Research Award valued at \$1,000. The winner will be announced at the Research Forum.

Submissions:

Please send your submission and the completed Faculty Endorsement Form to research@macewan.ca by **Sunday April 28, 2024** for Winter 2024 submissions and by **Sunday December 15, 2024** for Spring, Summer and Fall 2024 submissions. In the body of the email, please include your name, your program and year of study, and whether you are submitting a paper or creative work.

Those selected to present at the Research Forum will be contacted in early January 2025.

If you have questions about the award, award eligibility or the Research Forum, please email research@macewan.ca.

Faculty Endorsement Form
Ending Sexual Violence: Student Research Award and Forum 2025

Student Name:

Title of Work:

Course name and number that paper or project was submitted in:

Dear Faculty Member,

This student is in the process of making a submission to ***Ending Sexual Violence Student Research Award and Forum***. Each submission must have an accompanying faculty endorsement.

By endorsing the student, you verify:

- The piece of student work listed above was completed under your mentorship, guidance, or supervision and was submitted for credit in a class at MacEwan in the 2024 calendar year.

To endorse this student's work please include your name and signature below.

Faculty Member Name:

Signature: