MacEwan UNIVERSITY

Call for Submissions
Ending Sexual Violence: Student Research Forum & Award 2027

At MacEwan, we are committed to ending sexual violence. We recognize the importance of research in understanding and addressing this critical issue.

Our Student Research Forum and Award recognizes outstanding student research being done on this issue. We invite students to submit work via one of three streams:

- An academic paper: A paper devoted to a particular research topic or question.
- A creative project: A creative work that was developed based in research on the topic of sexual violence.
- A research-creation project: A project that combines creative and academic research practices, using a clear methodology to answer research questions and going beyond interpretation or analysis of the creative process.

All submissions must be based off work completed for a course that they were enrolled in at MacEwan University during the 2026 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 Assault, Sexual Harassment, Stalking, Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence, Image-Based Sexual Abuse, Sexual Exploitation, Indecent Exposure, Voyeurism and other analogous conduct.”

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

- media representations of violence
- medical system responses to sexual violence
- cultural normalization of sexual violence (i.e., rape culture)
- 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., hegemonic masculinity, gender normativity)
- gender-based violence
- 2SLGBTQ+ experiences of sexual violence
- sexual violence and racism
- sexual violence and settler colonialism
- sexual violence in literature
- historical understandings of sexual violence
- intergenerational experiences of sexual violence
- sexual violence and policy

Eligibility:
The student submitting the paper, creative project, or research-creation project must:

- Be a student who is currently enrolled or recently enrolled at MacEwan University.
- Have completed the paper or project as a component of course work during a semester in 2026 (i.e., Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall).
- Be the sole author of the paper or project. 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 their work on Friday January 29, 2027.

Paper Submissions

- The paper must be between 2000 – 7000 words long, not including references, appendices, tables, or endnotes.
- 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 but not limited to design, creative writing, visual arts, performing arts, film, video, performance art, interdisciplinary arts, media and electronic arts, and new artistic practices. 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).
- A research-based artist statement, situated in scholarly work and the submission's disciplinary context (minimum 500 words).
- Information about space and/or technical requirements for exhibition of the project (if applicable).
- Images, recordings, or other documentation of the work (if applicable).

Research-Creation Submissions
We welcome research-creation projects from multiples fields, including but not limited to design, creative writing, visual arts, performing arts, film, video, performance art, interdisciplinary arts, media and electronic arts, and new artistic practices. Those submitting research-creation projects must include:

- An abstract that summarizes the project and its fit within the scope of this award (200 words).
- A statement of research that describes the project, situates the work in its disciplinary context, and provides an explanation of how this work is furthering research in their given field or discipline (between 1000 - 4000 words).
- Information about space and/or technical requirements for exhibition of the project (if applicable).
- Images, recordings, or other documentation of the work (if applicable).

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 work or an artist talk and/or performance at our Research Forum, tentatively scheduled for **Friday, January 29, 2027**. 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 submissions 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 26, 2026** for Winter 2026 submissions and by **Sunday December 20, 2026** for Spring, Summer and Fall 2026 submissions. In the body of the email, please include your name, your program and year of study, and **specify whether you are submitting a paper, creative work, or research-creation project.**

Those selected to present at the Research Forum will be contacted in early January 2027.

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 2027

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 2026 calendar year.

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

Faculty Member Name:

Signature: