Lynch History Grant

Engaging Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, and Two-Spirit Histories

Applications for the 2018-19 Michael Lynch Grant in LGBTTQ Histories are now being sought. The $1,500 grant is awarded by the Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies at the University of Toronto, and is open to individuals, groups, and organizations.

The grant is named for Michael Lynch, the late University of Toronto English professor, long-time LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS activist, and founder of the Toronto Centre for Lesbian and Gay Studies (the community predecessor to the Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies). For over ten years (starting in 1990), the TCLGS encouraged community-based and academic research on queer history. The Lynch grant is supported by the Lynch Fund at Sexual Diversity Studies to continue the legacy of this work. The Lynch grant encourages history research endeavours, and projects designed to transmit knowledge about queer history to a broad audience.

Projects may take the form of workshops, conferences, oral history compilations, art exhibits, video presentations, performances, academic articles, popular pamphlets and zines, or books. Alternative formats are encouraged and welcomed.

Projects must contribute to an understanding of the histories of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two-spirited, and queer sexualities, identities, politics, practices, and communities in Canada. Priority will be given to projects that reflect the various intersections (along the lines of gender, race, culture, class, diaspora, indigeneity, and disability) that characterize queer historical experience.

Grants are not awarded retroactively to work already completed.
Adjudication of Grant applications is the responsibility of the SDS Lynch Grant Committee. For more information, please contact the Sexual Diversity Studies office at sexual.diversity@utoronto.ca or 416-978-6276.

To apply, you are asked to submit:

1. An outline of the project (up to 750 words), describing its scope, objectives, and intended audience.

2. An overall budget, highlighting those expenditures for which the Grant would be used. Information on other grants applied for, expected, or received should also be included.

3. A résumé or cv (1-2 pages), highlighting the relevant qualifications and experience of the applicant(s) or (if applicable) the organization.

Applications must be received no later than November 30, 2018. Results will be announced in winter 2019. All applications should be mailed to:

The Michael Lynch History Grant  
The Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies  
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