



Saint Mary's
University

The Donald Higgins Memorial Scholarship

For a graduate student in the Atlantic Canada Studies Program

Description

Dr. Donald Higgins, a professor at Saint Mary's University from 1973 until his death in 1989, was an internationally recognized specialist in the area of Canadian local and urban politics. His research on urban government and planning was published in 1977 as *Urban Canada, its Government and Politics*, and revised in 1986 as *Local and Urban Politics in Canada*. He was also a dedicated teacher who set high standards for himself and his students.

As an active scholar, Donald Higgins served a term as President of the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association. His research abilities were recognized at Saint Mary's by an appointment as Faculty of Arts Research Officer. He was involved in the creation of the Gorsebrook Institute, which is the research arm of the Atlantic Canada Studies Program (ACS). He made a significant contribution to its development and to teaching in the ACS Program.

Donald Higgins also expended a great deal of energy fighting to retain the quality of life in his adopted city of Halifax by trying to ensure that good planning took place. He was for many years an active member of the Community Planning Association of Canada, working on a number of projects, including the development of the Halifax waterfront. He was a founding member of the Ward One Residents' Association. At a memorial reception held in his honor, a colleague said of him, "Don Higgins wanted a better world and he worked hard to achieve it."

The Donald Higgins Memorial Fund was founded in 1989 by the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union. It is used to support an annual lecture Series and to provide the Donald Higgins Memorial Scholarship each year to a graduate student in Atlantic Canada Studies. The scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

Criteria

The criteria for the award of the scholarship are: academic merit, social concern and financial need. None of criteria is inherently of greater significance than the others. The award is primarily intended for a full-time student, although in an exceptional case, consideration may be given to a part-time student.

Procedures

Any candidate who has been admitted to the Master's Program in Atlantic Canada Studies and who wishes to be considered for the Donald Higgins Memorial Scholarship, must submit a letter addressed to the Co-ordinator of Atlantic Canada Studies setting out the reasons why he or she should be considered for the Donald Higgins Memorial Scholarship.

The deadline for submission of the letter of application is September 21 for the scholarship to be awarded in the fall.

The Atlantic Canada Studies Committee will choose three candidates, in order of preference, from which the final decision will be made by the Donald Higgins Memorial Committee.

Letters of application should be sent to

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