

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A NON-ENDOWED FUND

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### **Bob Gaucher Scholarship**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Bob Gaucher Scholarship was established at the Department of Criminology in honour of Bob Gaucher, PhD, a leading figure in advancing prison justice and penal abolition, both in Canada and around the world. Bob was instrumental in the 1976 abolition of the death penalty in Canada and the establishment of the *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, which has featured peer-reviewed articles written by current and former prisoners on the experience and sociopolitics of incarceration since 1988. As a professor in the Department of Criminology, he created the *Abolitionism and the Criminal Justice System* mandatory undergraduate course, the first one of its kind in Canada. Through his teaching and activism, Bob had an immeasurable impact on the lives of his students, many of whom have gone on to be leading penal abolitionist thinkers and community organizers. The scholarship awarded in his name aims to carry on his vision for a world without prisons and punishment, fulfilling the obligation he instilled in his students: “meet one, teach one.”

#### **PURPOSE OF FUND**

Award a scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student at the Department of Criminology who demonstrates an interest in advancing prison justice or penal abolitionist thought and praxis.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

##### **Eligibility Criteria**

The applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person with the protected/refugee status or an international student;
2. be registered as a full-time student in an undergraduate (honours or major) or graduate (master's or doctoral) program at the Department of Criminology of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ottawa; and
3. demonstrate an interest in advancing prison justice or abolitionist thought and praxis.

**Value of the award:** \$1,000

**Number of awards:** One

**Frequency of the award:** Annual

**Level or program of study:** Undergraduate or graduate

**Application contact:** Financial Aid and Awards Service

**Application deadline:** February 28

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, which can be accessed through the uoZone portal, and should include:

1. the Curriculum Vitae on Online Scholarships and Bursaries; and
2. a letter from the applicant (max. 500 words) detailing their interest in advancing prison justice or abolitionist thought and praxis.