London Police Services Community Impact Award

Awarded annually to a graduate student enrolled in a Master’s program in Sociology who is Black or a person of colour, who has experiences hardship, economic disadvantage or discrimination. This student will be conducting applied research on issues of power and justice which prioritize a focus on issues such as policing practice, but may include legal and justice practices, the inter-relation or world across core social services, mental health, community wellbeing, and applications of justice.

Candidates must submit a one-page statement outlining their proposed research related to these areas by January 15th to the Department Office in Sociology. The recipient will be selected by the Department of Sociology Graduate Committee, with at least one representative holding membership in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. The recipient may continue to receive the award for a second year. This award was established with a generous donation from the London Police Service Board.

In order to be truly effective and deliver on its core values, policing and the practice of justice is necessarily dependent on the relationships it has with communities. The values of communities and the values of policing should be mutually understood and respected. This is not and has not always been the case especially for Black or people of colour. Establishing this award within the Department of Sociology will provide the London Police Service Board with the opportunity to learn from within these communities. The London Police Service Board will receive valuable research and insights through an impartial lens.

Value: 1 at $2,500