

## Journalism and Communication Studies Awards 2024

### DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS (EXTENDED DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2024)

These are the awards decided upon by the journalism faculty at KPU.

The [\\$1,000 KPU Endowed Journalism Award](#) for the "Most Promising Journalist" is decided upon by the faculty and doesn't require an application.

But the rest all require you to submit an application and, in most cases, specific work for consideration. This can usually be something you've already written for a class or a student publication, so applying for the award isn't that much extra work.

For all of these awards, the deadline for us to receive your work is **Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** No exceptions.

To submit an application for a departmental award, do the following:

1. Send an email to [journalism@kpu.ca](mailto:journalism@kpu.ca) with the name of the award you are applying to in the subject line. If you are applying for more than one award, send a separate email for each application.
2. In the body of your email, list your name and student number.
3. For those awards that require you to submit examples of your work, attach a Microsoft Word (.docx) file. For class work, you can just copy and paste your assignment directly into the Word document. If you're submitting work you did for an outside publication, like The Runner, you can put the URLs of your articles in the Word document. Put your name and student number at the top of the Word document.

These are the departmental awards available. I've included the basic submission criteria for each one. But you can click on the link for each one to review the full submission criteria:

#### **The Warfield Radical Visionary Award (\$1,000)**

In memory of Communication Studies instructor Katie Warfield, this award recognizes a KPU Journalism student who shows a strong ability to challenge mainstream ideas and actions in the goal of effecting social change towards justice and equality. To be considered for this award, please submit an essay (500 words maximum) to explain how the theories, theorists or practical skills you gained in your COMM courses have contributed to your understanding of social justice causes and/ or motivated you to take action.

<https://finaidssb-prod.ec.kpu.ca/BcFinaidSelfService/ssb/awardGuide#!/welcome/2107/awardDetails>

#### **Katie Warfield Memorial Award in Communication Studies (\$1,000)**

Katie Warfield was a faculty member in KPU's Journalism and Communication Studies Department from 2005 to 2021, when she died from cancer. Katie was a prolific researcher, valued colleague, and beloved instructor. Her faculty colleagues have established this award in her name to honour the immense impact Katie had on her students. To be considered for this award, please submit a paper or project you wrote for a current Communication Studies (COMM) course at the 1000-, 2000-, 3000- or 4000-level.

<https://finaidssb-prod.ec.kpu.ca/BcFinaidSelfService/ssb/awardGuide#!/welcome/2124/awardDetails>

#### **Mehfil Magaine Endowed Journalism Award (2 x \$2,600)**

The Mehfil Award is open to all Journalism students at KPU who are Black, Indigenous or Persons of Colour (BIPOC). To be considered for this award, simply declare in your email which of those three groups you are a member of (eg. "I am Indigenous and would like to be considered for this award.") Nothing else is required. Faculty will determine the winners of the award based on GPA and other factors.

<https://finaidssb-prod.ec.kpu.ca/BcFinaidSelfService/ssb/awardGuide#!/welcome/0787/awardDetails>

#### **John Reiss Endowed Award in Journalism (\$1,000)**

This award is for "active involvement with production of KPU student publications as a writer and/or editor". To be considered for this award, please submit a portfolio of no more than six pieces you've written for student publications like The Runner. Or, if you've worked for a student publication in an editing role, please provide a one-page summary of the work you've done.

<https://finaidssb-prod.ec.kpu.ca/BcFinaidSelfService/ssb/awardGuide#!/welcome/8167/awardDetails>

#### **Excellence in Storytelling Journalism Award (\$1,000)**

Students can apply by entering any single piece of true storytelling produced as part of their work in Journalism classes in the year for which the award is being given. Stories can be in any media: text, audio, visual, video and data journalism, or combinations of media, are all eligible.

<https://finaidssb-prod.ec.kpu.ca/BcFinaidSelfService/ssb/awardGuide#!/welcome/1000/awardDetails>

#### **PIPS Lorem Ipsum Endowed Award (2 x \$1,000)**

Students can apply by providing a Journalism sample containing no more than 1,500 words of written work, a 1-2 minute video, or a photojournalism story containing 5 images.

<https://finaidssb-prod.ec.kpu.ca/BcFinaidSelfService/ssb/awardGuide#!/welcome/1067/awardDetails>

### **3. \$5,000 SPORTSNET AWARDS (DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2024)**

Sportsnet has generously provided funding for three awards — worth \$5,000 each — to help KPU journalism students gain real-world experience in sports journalism.

One award provides funding to help you cover a major sporting event. The other two providing funding to help you cover a sports-related issue (i.e. concussions, Indigenous participation in sport, transgender athletes, etc.).

The same student can't win both awards but, if you're interested in sports journalism, you are strongly encouraged to apply for both (as this increases your chances of winning an award).

Because of the difficulty in obtaining media credentials for major sporting events, for that award you should think of creative ways to cover less well-publicized sporting events. In other words, getting credentials to cover the Super Bowl or Stanley Cup isn't practical.

You can find the application form for the two Sportsnet awards at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r6YYzudFNmXfCy3H0tGaHsTBkRc52Op/edit?usp=sharing&oid=10249622622615058620&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Just click on File on the menu and download the Word file.

For all three of these awards, the deadline for us to receive your work is **Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** No exceptions.

Please send your submissions for these awards to [journalism@kpu.ca](mailto:journalism@kpu.ca) with "Sportsnet Award for Sports Journalism" (covering a sports issue) or "Sportsnet On-Assignment Journalism Award" (covering a sports event) in the subject line. Put your name and student number in the body of the email. If you're applying for both awards, send two separate emails.

NOTE: The Journalism department reserves the right to not award the Sportsnet scholarships if none of the applications are of sufficient quality or detail.

If you have any questions about any of these awards, please read the application criteria first but, if that doesn't answer your questions, please email [chad.skelton@kpu.ca](mailto:chad.skelton@kpu.ca)