

- ✓ *Do you want to live an activist life but aren't sure where to start?*
- ✓ *Have you ever thought about running for office some day?*
- ✓ *Would you like to be connected to a nationwide network of activists with similar interests?*

If you answered “yes” to one or more of these questions, Gender & Women’s Studies can help you to develop the skills to turn your political passions--and what you’re learning in the GWS classroom--into positive action.

GWS is excited to solicit applications from undergraduate University of Kentucky students for the annual **Tomasky Leaders Scholarship Fund** competition. Named for donor and alum Susan Tomasky ’74, the scholarship encourages students to engage in politics and public debate, to pursue higher office, and to lead an activist life.

Scholarship recipients, the Tomasky Leaders, will receive funding for either:

- 1) **Trainings:** registration and/or travel fees for leadership and activism trainings, seminars, conferences, or other similar programs
- 2) **Internships:** cost-of-living and other expenses related to internships, especially those that are otherwise unpaid or require significant travel (NOTE: funded interns must enroll in GWS 399, which can count toward their degree requirements)

Possible leadership training opportunities for students include (but are NOT limited to):

- Civil Liberties & Public Policy Annual Conference, Hampshire College, Massachusetts
- Women Leading Kentucky Conference, Kentucky
- National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, University of Maryland
- National Young Feminist Leadership Conference and Congressional Visit Day, DC
- SisterSong Women of Color Conference, New York
- Empowering Women of Color Conference, University of California Berkeley
- Women of Color STEM Conference, Michigan
- National LGBTQ College Student Career Conference
- Planned Parenthood Action Fund Lobby Day, District of Columbia

Possible internship opportunities for students include (but are NOT limited to):

- Kentucky Health Justice Network, Louisville and Lexington, KY
- Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center, Lexington, KY
- Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky
- ACLUF Summer Legal Internship, Reproductive Freedom Project, New York
- Feminist Majority Foundation, Arlington, VA
- SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, Atlanta, GA

To learn more or ask questions, please email Director of Undergraduate Studies, Professor Mel Stein at melissa.stein@uky.edu. For an application, visit

Tomasky Leader Application

Name: _____

Major/Minor: _____ Year: _____

Name of Conference/Workshop/Internship for which you're seeking funding assistance:

Please describe why you are interested in this particular opportunity and what you hope to do with the knowledge or skills you learn there:

Provide a brief budget below showing how you will use the funds, along with estimated costs (travel, conference registration, internship costs, etc)?

Please check all that apply to you:

- ☐ First Generation college student ☐ Non-traditional student
☐ Eligible for Financial Aid

Applications will be accepted through November 15, 2025 for fall semester funding and April 1, 2026 for spring semester funding. Applications may be submitted electronically at michelle.deltoro@uky.edu or in person at 110 Breckinridge Hall.