



Saralee James Memorial Award | Award Amount TBD

Awarded to a mature female student or students in Photography, Animation, Film & Screen Arts and New Media & Sound Arts. The student(s) will be recognized as a political or social activist, a feminist, and who pushes boundaries in her work.

Eligibility:

- This award is open a mature female (25+) Emily Carr media student in the undergraduate and graduate program studying photography, animation, film and screen arts, new media, or sound arts through the Graduation Jury Process. Preference is given to older students, it is recommended to supply your age in your application statement if you are comfortable doing so.
- The work(s)/project submitted will be screened/presented in The Show/Online Exhibition. Other works can be submitted for consideration as part of your portfolio.

Criteria:

- The student recipient(s) will be recognized as a political and/or social activist, as a feminist, and one who pushes boundaries in her work, in the spirit of Saralee James.

Instructions:

Applicants will complete an application that includes a short statement of approximately 250 - 500 words describing their practice and activism, plus a link to their grad project, portfolio and/or website.

Application – please complete the following:

Name: _____ Student #: _____

Major: _____ Year: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project Name: _____

- ☐ I am including a short statement (250 to 500 words) describing how my project relates to anti-racism and social justice.
- ☐ I am including a link to my grad project, portfolio and/or website
- ☐ If I am the successful applicant, I agree to have my name/project published on the Emily Carr websites and social media outlets.

The application deadline is April 28th, 2025 at 11:59pm. Please submit your application + materials by the deadline to advancement@ecuad.ca.

About Saralee James

Saralee James received her Visual Arts Diploma, Photography Major, from Emily Carr in 1984. Before her untimely death in 1991, she was an accomplished photographer and filmmaker. Her friends considered her a “shit disturber” as a political and social activist, who pushed the boundaries in her art practice and her life. This award was established by her friends and peers in honour of her spirit and in recognition of her accomplishments. Her work can be viewed in the Emily Carr University of Art & Design library.

Adjudication

Students participating in The Show/Virtual Exhibition will be selected to receive awards in an unbiased manner by calling upon diverse juries of professionals and practitioners, such as artists, designers, filmmakers, animators, and curators. The recipient will be selected at the discretion of the Saralee James Memorial Graduation Award committee with consideration of faculty recommendations.