

## Guidelines for FAUW charitable donations

### Background

FAUW makes charitable donations under three lines of our budget:

- 1) Under our Compassionate Fund line, we make donations in memory of deceased colleagues. We make these donations automatically, and they are typically small (\$100).
- 2) Under our Academic Freedom line, we make donations to strike funds for faculty unions on strike across Canada. We sometimes discuss these, but their passage is routine, and we typically give \$1000 when needed. When we don't spend the full budgeted amount during the year, we give the balance to CAUT's Academic Freedom fund.
- 3) Under our Sponsorships line, we make donations to organizations consistent with FAUW's mission and values. *In April 2024 a separate Guideline was written for how these applications would be accepted and reviewed.* [FAUW Donations and Sponsorship 2024](#)

FAUW doesn't have pre-existing guidelines for what is an appropriate use of the money in this third line; hence, we have prepared this document.

### Principles

We will usually support donation requests that:

- 1) Are sponsorships of specific events that are happening on or near our campuses and that are open to our members' attendance and participation.
- 2) Have a specific connection to higher education or research.
- 3) Are consistent with priorities and values of FAUW. These include collegial governance, academic freedom, scholarship and research, labor and association rights, equity, indigenization and environmental protection.
- 4) Are modest in size (our total line for sponsorships is just a few thousand dollars per year).

We will not usually support donation requests that:

- 1) Are generic in nature.
- 2) Support on-going charitable programming.
- 3) Are neither directly connected to the communities in which we live and work nor to higher education.
- 4) Support individual people.
- 5) Support political parties

Some of the events we support may be repeated year-over-year with our support, like the Indigenous People's Day celebration mentioned above.