

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Please complete the fields below with information regarding your project.

**Title of Proposed Project** Out Loud: The Queer Voices in Research Symposium

**Amount Requested from SPF**

Typical requests are ≤\$300

300

**Campus(es) Impacted**  Downtown  Macdonald  Gault Nature Reserve  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT & SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### Project Leader

This person must be a current McGill University student, administrative staff, or academic staff.

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Please list the names of any additional core project team members:

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Our team has read the [SPF Terms & Conditions](#) and agrees to respect them.

Yes  No

In line with the [SPF Eligibility Criteria](#), our team certifies that this project takes place on a [McGill University campus](#) and primarily impacts the [McGill community](#), is [sustainability focused](#), is requesting [seed funding](#), and is [action oriented](#).

Yes  No

## PROJECT OVERVIEW + PLAN

### 1. Please describe your initiative, including details on when and where it will take place.

We are a graduate student committee across departments representing different student organizations that support underrepresented students on campus. We are planning a research symposium entitled "Out Loud: The Queer Voices in Research Symposium" for queer graduate students across McGill to present their research to the larger McGill community. This symposium will take place in the Thomson House from 12-5pm on June 3rd, with a happy hour following from 5-7pm. Presenters will have the option of 10 minute, 3 minute or poster presentations. We will have 4 thematic platform presentations with a combination of 3 and 10 minute talks, including one focused on sustainability research, and 1 poster presentation session. We will stream the symposium online and allow presenters to present via

### 2. Please describe how your initiative is sustainability focused and how it will be managed sustainably.

You may find it helpful to consult the [SPF Sustainability Brief](#), the [Climate & Sustainability Strategy 2020-2025](#), and the [Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#).

Our symposium incorporates sustainability by highlighting queer voices in higher education and research, promoting sustainability focused research, and incorporating sustainable practices into the program. The goal of this project is to provide a platform to showcase queer graduate students' work and through this expand the idea of what it means to be a researcher at McGill and the larger community. We also hope to build a community across McGill for queer graduate students. Through these aims we addresses the goal of social sustainability. We are also including a session during the symposium focused on research in sustainability to highlight advances in this field. Further we hope to act on these ideas of sustainability by using reusable plates, cups and cutlery for our coffee break and happy hour.

**3. Please describe how your initiative will involve and directly benefit the McGill community. List all stakeholders.**

This symposium provides a space for McGill queer graduate students to gain presentation experience, network and build relationships for future collaborations and support. By working with groups that represent other underrepresented groups in research, we will further build community and support for graduate students across McGill that may face additional challenges during their studies. We hope to build off this and create an intersectional working group that connects existing graduate student groups from downtown and Macdonald campuses for future collaboration including a larger and more diverse symposium. Currently our direct collaborators and stakeholders are: Equity Council, Queer Grad Club, Prism (MacDonald Campus queer grad club), BPOC, PGSS, Mac Women in Science, and Graduate Engineering.

**4. How many participants or beneficiaries do you expect for your project? How will you share information about your project (e.g. flyers, newsletters, webpage, etc.)?**

Since this is the inaugural symposium, we expect that there will be approximately 60 participants (presenters and audience members) attending this event. We are planning advertising through McGill email (our collaborators' listserves), post on McGill student facebook pages (entering classes, events, MacDonald Graduate students, etc) and posters in both downtown and Macdonald Campus.

**5. Please describe why you need funding from the SPF. Explain what your anticipated project expenses are and how they will be used.**

We are hoping to use the funds from SPF to pay for most of the room rental at Thomson House, we were given an estimated cost of 410.00 plus taxes for use of a room for the day. As a student run symposium, we are hoping to gain funding from several sources to be able to provide the best experience for presenters and audience members. As such, we will provide a coffee break and happy hour snacks for 60 catered by Thomson House. Additionally, in recognition of the hard work our presenters put into their presentations we are awarding 6 presentation prizes.

**6. If you are requesting SPF Tiny Stream funding for an event, are you planning to certify the event with the [McGill Sustainable Events](#) program?**  Yes  No  N/A

**7. Please fill the budget table below or upload a budget in .XLS or .XLSX format. If submitting your own, please make sure both expenses and revenues are included and clearly indicate the expenses that the SPF will cover.**

Expenses	Cost (\$)	SPF to Fund
Room rental at Thomson House	\$410.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coffee break for 60	\$348.40	<input type="checkbox"/>
Happy hour snacks for 60	\$350.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxes & tips for Thomson House	\$332.67	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prize for presentation winners	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	\$1641.57	

Revenues/Other Funding Sources	Amount (\$)
Sustainability Projects Fund (TBC)	\$300.00
McGill Equity Office	\$750.00
McGill Queer Grad Club	\$100.00
PGSS	\$250.00
MCGSS	\$250.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1650.00

**8. Optional: Upload an appendix with additional information about your project, including any flyers/promotional material that you have created.**

*To complete the application process, please submit this form and any other applicable documents (budget, appendix) on the SPF website. The SPF Staff will be in touch regarding your application within two weeks of the monthly deadline.*