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**2023-2024
OCUFA Henry Mandelbaum
Graduate Fellowship for
Excellence in Social Sciences,
Humanities, or Arts**

Citation for Noah Adams

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is delighted to present Noah Adams with the 2023-2024 Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowship for Excellence in Social Sciences, Humanities, or Arts at the Doctoral level.

Noah is a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto which is situated on the ancestral, traditional, and treaty lands and territories of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Noah earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of British Columbia and Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Victoria. He then continued at the University of Victoria to complete his Master of Social Work. Noah is currently enrolled at the University of Toronto and is working towards his PhD in Adult Education and Community Involvement, which he hopes to complete in 2025.

Regarding his academic excellence, Noah's doctoral supervisor said: "His track record of publication, funded research, awards and community outreach easily place him in the top 1% of doctoral students I have supervised during a career spanning over three decades."

Noah's research, community involvement, and leadership plays out at the local, national, and international levels, especially in the areas of transgender and autistic healthcare. He is very active as a volunteer advocate in the transgender and autistic communities. Noah's community work includes work with transgender asylum seekers as a volunteer case worker with Rainbow Railroad from 2013 to 2020.

He co-founded and is actively involved in leading the Transgender Professional Association for Transgender Health (TPATH), an organization that supports transgender individuals engaged in transgender healthcare provision and research.

In his spare time, Noah currently volunteers with:

- the research advisory board of TransHealth Northampton
- the publications committee of the Center for Applied Transgender studies

- the community engagement committee of the PROGRESS study
- the disability consultation team for TransPULSE Canada

Noah is also leading a private sponsorship group to support a transgender refugee seeking asylum in Canada.

Noah's references said that his academic research is "...groundbreaking work, and Noah's approach to it... will make significant and original contributions in the field of LGBT health." Another reference noted: "This initiative aptly demonstrates his capability, desire to round out his education, and commitment to contributing his expertise to research on marginalized and vulnerable populations."

This brief illustration of Noah's academic achievements, research, and community involvement, makes him a worthy recipient of this fellowship. For these reasons and many more, the committee is honoured to present Noah Adams with the 2023-2024 Henry Mandelbaum Fellowship at the Doctoral level.

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Established in 2011 to honour former OCUFA Executive Director Henry Mandelbaum, the fellowship is awarded to two full-time graduate students (one master's, one doctoral) at publicly funded Ontario universities. Recipients have demonstrated academic excellence, provided significant community service, and shown exceptional academic promise in their university careers.