

## **2017-2018 PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Dr. V. Walter Odajnyk Scholarship Assistance Submission Criteria**

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in the Walter Odajnyk Memorial Scholarship Program. It has been set up by current and former students to honor the memory of Pacifica Graduate Institute's beloved Dr. V. Walter Odajnyk, an integral member of Pacifica Graduate Institute's core faculty from 2002 until his death in 2013. Dr. Walter Odajnyk wanted to help his students find daily application for Mythological Studies. He was known for imagining a future with mythologists as part of the evening news, to encourage an understanding of how archai are phenomenalized in current events and how mythological studies can help us understand the culture we have built.

As Cynthia Caldwell, one of the Odajnyk Scholarship Program initiators has said:

“This scholarship will ensure that his gift of guiding students into contact with wisdom through myth is felt, remembered, and continued long into the future.”

The Odajnyk Scholarship is therefore awarded annually for an essay expressing the relevance of myth in the world today and how a mythological understanding can shed light on or help resolve a current domestic or international situation.

The essay must be written as a letter to a public official or as a press release for a media outlet. Essays are judged on the quality of writing and the insightful application of mythology to a current event. This is a non-renewable scholarship.

**Deadline: January 6, 2017**

How to Submit:

- Please email essay and application materials to Lenora Flores, Alumni Affairs or [Lflores@pacific.edu](mailto:Lflores@pacific.edu), by January 6, 2017
- Mail to Lenora Flores, Alumni Affairs, Pacifica Graduate Institute, 249 Lambert Road, Carpinteria, CA, 93013 by January 2, 2017.

Eligibility Requirements:

- All students enrolled in the **Pacifica's Mythological Studies** program are eligible to apply.
- Applicant must be planning to attend full-time in coursework or dissertation phase.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or AB540.

Please refer to the [Institutional Scholarships](#) page for all available scholarships and award details. All scholarship funds are applied toward tuition in equal installments over each quarter of the academic year for which you are enrolled in full-time coursework (6 units).

Application materials must be completed and returned with supporting documentation to the Alumni Affairs Office (post marked) by the deadline listed below. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.