

**PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES PROGRAM
WALTER ODAJNYK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Walter Odajnyk Scholarship fund was established in 2015 for students in the Mythological Studies program. Dr. Odajnyk helped his students discover the daily application for mythological studies by teaching his students that a grounding in mythological studies is invaluable for understanding all systems of culture building. Dr. Odajnyk is famously remembered by his students for his emphasis on studying mythological themes in current events from a depth psychological perspective. For example, he often imagined a future where a mythologist would be a part of the evening news team. Dr. Odajnyk's teachings exposed the mythic lens with which all humans view the world. He helped students to unpack personal and cultural projections that impacted their perspective of world events. The Walter Odajnyk Scholarship aims to help Mythological Studies students further this wisdom and share his vision with the world.

Pacifica Graduate Institute's beloved Dr. V. Walter Odajnyk was an integral member of Pacifica Graduate Institute's core faculty from 2002 until his death in 2013. The Walter Odajnyk Memorial Scholarship Program was created by his students and is administered by the Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association (PGIAA), a 501(c)(3) organization. It is offered to new and returning students in the **Pacifica Graduate Mythological Studies Program** and is a non-renewable scholarship.

Odajnyk scholarships are awarded annually for an essay highlighting the relevance of myth in the world today. Applicants must write the essay as a letter to a public official or as a press release for a media outlet which demonstrates how a mythological perspective can inform or help resolve a current domestic or international situation. The essay is meant to show how mythologists help us see the fantasies of individuals with which depth psychologists concern themselves as those that "appear in the wider community's perception of itself and its surrounding world," (Odajnyk "Naropa Dakini") as the latter is exactly what drives current events. Odajnyk taught that every zeitgeist ought to be viewed mythologically.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a Mythological Studies student at Pacifica Graduate Institute.
- Applicant must be planning to attend full-time in coursework or dissertation phase.
- International students must complete and submit the scholarship addendum form.

Submission Criteria and Deadline – October 8, 2021:

Essay and application materials should be emailed to the Pacifica Graduate Alumni Association (PGIAA) at alumnirelations@pacifia.edu by October 8, 2021. Application may also be mailed to PGIAA 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 728, Montecito, CA 93108.