

2019-2020 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, encouraging an understanding of how *archai* are phenomenized in current events, and utilizing the hermeneutics of mythological studies to understand the culture we have built.

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: October 8, 2021

How to Submit:

- Please email essay and application materials the Pacifica Graduate Alumni Association (PGIAA) at alumnirelations@pacificia.edu October 8, 2021.
- Mail to PGIAA 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 728, Montecito, CA 93108 by September 17, 2021

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.
- International students must complete and submit the scholarship addendum form.

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 above. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.