



Marion Miller Award

Background

The Marion Miller Award was established to honour the memory of Marion Miller, a promising graduate student who worked with Dr. Jack Ellis at York University during the 1970s. Ms. Miller was actively involved in the Ontario Research Council on Leisure (ORCOL) and was a key organiser of the Second Canadian Congress on Leisure Research, held in Toronto in 1978. Tragically, she passed away shortly before the Congress. This award recognized the most outstanding student-authored paper in the field of leisure studies and commemorates her contributions to the field.

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be Canadian citizens or permanent residents;
- Be registered as full-time undergraduate or graduate students at the time the work was undertaken, or recent graduates (within the past two years);
- Submit a paper based on work completed as part of a degree or diploma program.

Both conceptual and empirical papers are eligible. Students should be the sole author of the work, and the paper should not be under consideration or already published in a scholarly outlet at the time of submission.

Paper Requirements and Format:

Submitted papers must comply with the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA) and include the following components:

- a. **Cover Page (submitted as separate document):**
The cover page must include the paper title; author's full name and institutional affiliation (i.e., university or college where the paper was completed); complete contact information (mailing address, telephone number, and email address); the name and contact information of the supervisor; and indication of whether the paper is derived from a thesis or major paper completed as part of a degree or diploma program.
- b. **Abstract:**
The first page must include the paper title, an abstract of approximately 150 words summarising the paper's main contributions, and three to five keywords. The author's name must not appear on this page.
- c. **Main Text:**
The body of the paper must be double-spaced with one-inch margins on all sides and include appropriate headings to clearly distinguish sections.
- d. **References:**
All references cited must be listed alphabetically, beginning on a new page

following the main text.

e. **Tables and Figures:**

Tables and figures may be embedded in the text immediately following their first mention or placed with the references, with each appearing on a separate page.

Papers should be approximately 6,000-8,000 words inclusive of references, and double-spaced. Submissions may be in either English or French. Papers submitted in French must include an English abstract.

Review and Selection Criteria:

Submissions will be reviewed by the CALS Awards Committee, which consists of at least two members of the Board of Directors. One additional CALS member who is not a member of the Board will be appointed to the Committee.

The Marion Miller Award will be granted to the paper demonstrating the highest overall scholarly quality, including a strong theoretical foundation and a thoughtful, rigorous, and insightful analysis, regardless of whether the submission is conceptual or empirical in nature.

Presentation of the Award:

The Marion Miller Award is available to be presented every year in conjunction with the CALS annual meeting. Each recipient will be awarded a \$750 prize, which will be sent to each recipient in the same year of award. At the tri-annual CCLR conference, plaques will be presented to all three recipients.

Submission Deadline:

Completed papers must be submitted electronically by **March 31, 2026** to Dawn Trussell at dtrussell@brocku.ca