

secondary education and encourage them to pursue higher education. To achieve that aim, SLAUW sought to empower girls through mentorship, guidance and counselling to stimulate their interest to pursue tertiary education. A grants mechanism of GWI, BRPID began in 1978 and was later named in honor of Dr. Bina Roy, educator and former GWI President from India. BRPID projects are run throughout the world by GWI National Federations and Associations (NFAs) and focus on a wide array of issues aligned with GWI's missions and values. GWI remains ever grateful to the [VGIF](#) for their generous donations supporting the Bina Roy Projects.

Girls Gone Grad, an access radio by Graduate Women Otago, New-Zealand

"Girls Gone Grad - Success Stories of Otago Women" is a series on Access Radio recently recorded for Graduate Women Otago (GWO) by Dr. Shirley Gillett, GWO President/CIR, Pouya Saeedi, GWO Young Members Co-convener and Travel Award Convener and Amy Dowdle, GWO Young Members Co-convener and Public Affairs Conveners. A six-part access radio series, Girls Gone Grads presents the achievement and fascinating stories of graduate women from Otago and beyond. In the sixth and last episode of the series, Dr Gillett interviews Louise Croot, Lorraine Issacs and Sue Cathro regarding the history of Graduate Women local, national and international. GWI congratulates GWO for this innovative and outstanding initiative and invite you to listen to the whole series [here](#). GWI is always delighted to hear about and promote such worthwhile achievements and successes from our NFAs around the world. Our strength is our membership and we continue to be captivated by the dynamism and originality of the graduate women that form our international network. Help us promote your achievements and share your NFA stories with us at gwi@graduatewomen.org

FEMU's Founding President and Honorary Counselor honored with the Leona Vicario Medal

On 29 August, members of the Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU) took part in the tribute to Leona Vicario, one of the most prominent figures of the Mexican War of Independence. A member of "Los Guadalupes", one of the earliest independent movements in New Spain, she was also one of the first female journalists in Mexico. This event was organized at the Women's Museum by the National Sorority Collective "Leona Vicario". The event was chaired by Dr. Jesús González Schmal, Historical Center Authority; Elvira Franco Islas, National President of the Collective; and Lic. Saúl Uribe Ahuja, descendant of Leona Vicario. At the ceremony, the "Leona Vicario" medal was presented to Dr. Patricia Galeana, FEMU's Founding President and Dr. Margarita Almada, Honorary Counselor Other winners were Yamile Paz Paredes, Rosa Marta Fernandez, Kayani Revueltas and Agustina Romero Hoyos. To conclude the event a honor guard assembled in Independence Hall of the Museum paying tribute to the awardee.

— GWI "Peace through Education" Triennial and Conference —

In 2019, all roads lead to Geneva, Switzerland as Graduate Women International (GWI) turns one hundred years old. As befits this occasion, we have planned a very special Graduate Women International 33rd Triennial and Centenary Celebration at the University of Geneva. We hope very much to see you at this once-in-a-lifetime gathering of graduate women from more than fifty countries. During the General Assembly (GA), festivities, essential dialogue, fulfillment of constitutional requirements and a re-commitment to our commonly held values and responsibilities will combine to set the stage for a strong, credible and vibrant GWI", Geeta Desai, GWI President.

Current Calls for participation in the GWI 33rd Triennial and Centenary Celebration

✈ Applications are now being accepted for the Caroline Spurgeon Centenary Fellowship. Instructions and link to the form are [here](#). **Deadline the apply is 1 December 2018.** ✈

LAST DAYS TO APPLY: Centenary Song Competition information is [here](#). **Deadline to apply is 15 October 2018.**

LAST DAYS TO APPLY: Call for 2019 Chitra Ghosh Award information is [here](#). **Deadline to apply is 15 October 2018.**

LAST DAYS TO APPLY: Call for 2019 Nazan Moroğlu Young Member Award information is [here](#). **Deadline to apply is 15 October 2018.**

Interdisciplinary Seminar Papers and Posters information is [here](#). **Deadline to apply is 31 October 2018.**

Call for 2019 Workshops information is [here](#). **Deadline to apply is 11 January 2019.**

Call for Resolutions for the 33rd Triennial information is [here](#). **Deadline to apply is 2 February 2019.**

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We have something to sing about !!
But we don't have a song.
Can you create a song for our 2019 centenary in Geneva to promote the centennial theme of "friendship and peace through education" celebrating our first 100 years?

GWI Centenary Celebration Song Contest
The competition begins on 15 June 2018.
Submissions will be accepted until 15 October 2018.
Download the rules and entry form at:
www.graduatelawomen.org/jsp/contest/level221600/contesting/Contesting_Rules_and_Form_FINAL.docx
or contact sd@graduatelawomen.org for details

— Advocacy —

GWI presents joint statement calling attention to the importance of human rights education

GWI international joined 19 other partner NGOs in signing a joint statement on the fourth phase of the world programme for human rights education. The statement was presented orally to the 39th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC39) held in September. This statement recognised youth as critical agents of change and called for their empowerment through human rights education. The young generation will be the driving force for the construction of more inclusive and sustainable societies. This statement therefore called on the Council to ensure that the next phase of the world programme for human rights should focus on youth with a particular emphasis on empowering youth from marginalised backgrounds.

International Day of Rural Women: GWI remains committed to rural women's education

Observed each year on 15 October, International Day of Rural Women provides the opportunity to call attention on the multiple barriers and challenges rural women and girls around the world face. For instance, in some African, Latin American and Caribbean countries, a rural girl is two times more likely to get married as a child than her urban counterparts according to UN Women. Ahead of International Day of Rural Women, GWI recalls its written statement to the 62nd session of the Commission of the Status of Women on education as a precondition to the empowerment of rural women and girls. Education is one

of the most powerful tools to increase society's equality and inclusiveness; it is also one of the most powerful tools to help the too many rural women and girls living in dire conditions around the world to break out of the cycle of poverty, reach their full potential and thrive as individuals. The statement also underscored that the time is now for global, multilateral action and the importance of agricultural and financial training for rural women and girls. The full statement is available [here](#). Starting 15 October, plan to follow [GWI's social media campaign](#), featuring assorted articles, advocacy ideas and facts raising awareness of the challenges faced by rural women and girls and how access to quality education and training can empower and transform the lives of rural women and girls.

— Call for applications —

2019 Echidna Global Scholars Programme

The Echidna Global Scholars Program is a visiting fellowship hosted by the Centre for Universal Education (CUE) at the Brookings Institution. The program aims to build the research, analytical, and leadership skills of NGO leaders and academics who have substantial experience with and ties to developing countries, whose work has a specific focus on improving learning opportunities and outcomes for girls in the developing world. Echidna Global Scholars spend four to six months at Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. Applicants should have a background in education, development, economics, or a related area, with a minimum of 10 years of professional experience in either research/academia; non-government and civil society; government; or business. Master's degree required; Ph.D. or research background strongly preferred. **The deadline to apply is 12 October at 5pm CET.** Click [here](#) for further information about the programme and application details.

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Caroline Spurgeon Centenary Fellowship

GWI is offering the Caroline Spurgeon Centenary Fellowship to be awarded at the GWI Peace through Education Centenary Conference to be held 25-28 July 2019 to a woman graduate for her postgraduate research, study and training. The fellowship is intended to encourage international scholarship and is to be used in a country other than the one in which the applicant was educated and other than the one in which the applicant habitually resides. The fellowship is for eight to 12 months of work and must enhance the original research or scholarship on which a postgraduate applicant is already engaged. The Caroline Spurgeon Centenary Fellowship application opportunity is open free of charge to women PhD candidates who are members of GWI, either through a National Federation or Association (NFA) or through independent membership. Non-members can apply for a fee. **The application deadline is 1 December 2018.** The official [call for application](#) and [application form](#) are available on the [GWI website](#).

Junior Fellows Internship Programme Office of the Rector

The United Nations University Office of the Rector recruits highly qualified applicants to work as Junior Fellows at the UNU headquarters in Tokyo. Junior Fellows are recruited through a competitive application process twice per year. Graduate students interested in the work of the United Nations — and in particular, UNU — are encouraged to apply. The purpose of the Junior Fellows Internship Programme at the Office of the Rector is to promote interaction and dialogue between young scholars, professionals and UNU and to provide opportunities for young professionals to gain in-depth, hands-on experience in a UN agency. Running parallel to most university semesters, Junior Fellows are selected twice per year, once in May-June for the fall term and once in September-October for the spring term. **The deadline to apply for Spring term 2019 is 31 October.** Further information about the programme and application process are available [here](#).

— GWI at the United Nations —

HRC39: Contemporary forms of slavery

During the first week of the HRC39, a clustered interactive dialogue (ID) was held with Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, Ms. Urmila Bhoola, in which she reminded those present that slavery continues to be a reality for millions around, with women and girls predominantly being the victims of this human rights' violation. She added that the global society often disregarded the value of care and domestic work carried out by women, which resulted in exploitation and subjection to slavery-like conditions. It was suggested that the increase in global migration for domestic work was related to increased exploitation of migrant workers and violations of their human rights. She urged States to increase their efforts in addressing and preventing domestic servitude, stressing the gender and irregular migration dimensions of exploitation in the domestic work sector. Participants at the ID announced their actions and commitments to actively combat contemporary forms of slavery, with a focus on its relationship to migration. Many countries such as the United Kingdom and India declared that they were working to tackle the root causes of slavery and support victims in a manner that was gender-sensitive, taking several initiatives to strengthen, protect and support migrant workers, particularly vulnerable groups such as women and girls. Slavery is a human rights violation. GWI condemns all forms of modern slavery such as human trafficking, child labor and the exploitation of domestic or other workers, whether they be migrant or not. GWI also wishes to applaud participants on acknowledging the need to incorporate a gender-responsive approach when combatting contemporary forms of slavery. In order to achieve the SDGs as set out by the Sustainable Development Agenda for 2030, it is vital that all forms of modern slavery be fully suppressed.

GWI advocates for access to safe water and sanitation as a fundamental human right

During the first week of the HRC39, a clustered interactive dialogue (ID) took place, with Mr. Léo Heller, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation. He reminded developed States of their international obligations and duties to ensure global access to adequate water and sanitation services, particularly as a right of displaced persons. Pressing on, he stated that strengthening human rights to safe drinking and sanitation in times of instability is essential in order to achieve other fundamental human rights. GWI salutes the work of the Special Rapporteur while deploring that the intrinsic connection between the rights of women and girls and water in sanitation was not pointed out during the discussion. Having access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation is central to living a life in dignity and upholding human rights. However, billions of people still do not enjoy these basic human rights. The lack of access to drinking water disproportionately affects women and girls. In many countries, women and girls carry out most tasks related to water – they walk long hours to fetch water, they cook, they clean, they care for the sick and the elderly, and they grow food for their families and communities. Lack of access to drinking water increases their burden and reduces their time for other activities, such as going to school or earning an income. Yet, this intrinsic connection to water is often absent in conversations on all levels and, consequently, women continue to be disproportionately affected by the lack of drinking water and sanitation, which hinders their chance to reach their full potential through education, earn a living and dramatically affects their health and security. GWI calls for a global and concerted effort to ensure that all women and girls around the world can access clean water and sanitation. Not only is access to water and sanitation a fundamental human right: it is also a crucial point for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 on good health and well being; SDG 6 on water and sanitation and SDG 5, on gender equality.

— Give the gift of membership —

Do you know a graduate woman who would like to join the leading women's international organisation that works to empower girls and women through access to lifelong, quality education and training? [Give the gift of membership](#) to join a global community of some 15'000 members in 54 countries, either as a GWI national member of one of our National Federations and Associations (NFAs) or as an independent member.

— Did you know? —

Did you know that GWI will be leading a team of runners at the 41st Course de l'Escalade to be held on 1 December 2018? Each year, on the first Saturday in December, the most popular sporting event in Geneva takes place in the old town - The Escalade Race. Last year nearly 45,000 runners participated. This event is for everyone - famous international runners to beginners, children and adults alike. Distances run vary from 2km to 8 km depending on the category. All the races take place in the narrow streets of the old town and finish in the Bastion Park. Our objective is to promote the importance of girls' education and to raise funds for our programs such as Teachers for Rural Futures, the Girls' Choices Mentoring Program and the Girls' Choices App. We are rallying support from staff, interns, GWI UN Representatives and volunteers, as well as family and friends, to run the 5km route as a team on this very special Geneva day event. If you are in Geneva and want to join the GWI team, contact Stacy Dry Lara at: sdl@graduatewomen.org, before 5 November. If you are not in Geneva but would like to support our running for girls' education, please click [here](#) to contribute.

— Other information and events —

11 October	International Day of the Girl Child, Global
15 October	International Day of Rural Women, Global
17 October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Global
22 Oct-9 November	CEDAW, 71 st session, United Nations, Geneva
24 October	United Nations Day, Global
17 November	International Students' Day, Global
20 November	Universal Children's Day, Global
25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Global
29 – 30 Nov	FEMU International Seminar "The role of women in Latin American Migration to the United States"
25 Nov-10 Dec	16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, Global
10 December	Human Rights Day, Global
18 December	International Migrants Day, Global
25-28 July 2019	GWI Peace through Education Conference, Geneva

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