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Graduate Women International launches the Winifred Cullis Fellowship Fundraiser in support of women's doctoral education!

Geneva, Switzerland, 27 October 2021 - Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce the launch of the 2022 Winifred Cullis Fellowship in honour of the legacy of GWI's first international president, Winifred Cullis. A fundraising campaign for the fellowship is taking place from 16-31 October 2021 to support women in higher academia.

Cullis was a lifelong feminist. She received a university education at a time when few women did. Her values were as a feminist and intellectual with great personal integrity and loyalty. She co-founded the British Federation of University Women and International Federation of University Women, now GWI. She was the second woman in Britain to be made a professor, and the first to achieve this position in a medical school.

"A doctorate degree signifies the highest level of academic achievement, and the title is powerful in today's world where education funding and progress, especially for women, have been severely set back by the COVID-19 pandemic", said Stacy Dry Lara, GWI Executive Director. "The GWI 2022 Winifred Cullis Fellowship will empower a woman to reach her full potential and contribute to society and future generations", she adds.

GWI needs your help to raise 10'000 Swiss francs for this life-changing opportunity. GWI and its Fellowship Committee are appealing to GWI members, past and present, and individuals to contribute. By donating, you could help qualified graduate women further their education, careers and future. Your donation of any amount will contribute to positive change for women. Please donate [HERE](#) to support women's higher education!

The Winifred Cullis Fellowship is open to established PhD and postdoctoral students in any country engaged in research relevant to GWI. Thus, research in education, gender issues or sustainable development would be looked upon favourably. Members of GWI can apply without charge; non-members will be charged an administration fee. **Deadline to apply is 15 December 2021.** Please click [HERE](#) for eligibility requirements and fellowship guidelines.

About Graduate Women International (GWI)

Graduate Women International (GWI) is a membership-based international NGO based in Geneva, Switzerland, with presence in over 60 countries. Founded in 1919, GWI is the leading girls' and women's global organisation advocating for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels. GWI is in special consultative status with ECOSOC and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

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