

Do you want to promote compassion?

Are you interested in politics and/or health care?

Do you want to win \$3500?

You can do all of this through the Ben Rabinowitz Student Driven Project!

The deadline for applications is noon on Wednesday, March 12, 2025

All Whitman students are invited to apply for the Ben Rabinowitz Student Driven Project, worth **\$3500**, so you can bring your vision for a more compassionate community to reality. This Award was created specifically to help students have *real world learning experiences* of the kind that might otherwise not be possible.

Background: The Ben Rabinowitz Student Project Endowment is given in honor of former Whitman College President, Tom Cronin, a national expert in leadership and politics. The purpose of the award is to help students with demonstrated leadership skills *“to implement new projects or learning opportunities that, broadly interpreted, promote compassion in medicine or politics and also enrich the Whitman community.”*

Examples of winning projects are:

- The creation, publication, and distribution of an artistic and educational ‘zine focused on increasing access to gender-affirming care
- The creation of a new Whitman course that focuses on abilities, with members of the Walla Walla community as class member
- The creation of a bilingual cookbook that was distributed for free through the SOS Clinic
- The promotion through Walla Walla Public Schools of a holistic and healthy approach to sex-ed
- The creation of an original theater piece called *Echo Chamber*
- The off-campus production of the first Freedom Songs concert
- The creation of stART, a program that brings visual and performance arts to Walla Walla Public Schools
- The creation of the Glean Team

- The creation of a panel around the theme of "compassion in immigration reform"
- The creation of the Buddy Program

Eligibility and Rules: Students must be enrolled at Whitman for the Spring 2025 semester and be in good standing with the Dean of Students to be eligible for this award. Individual students or groups of students are eligible to apply. The recipient(s) will be required to present the outcome of their project *within one year* of winning the award, whichever is most appropriate. Students who have previously received the Rabinowitz Prize are not eligible to apply. This is a one-time award.

Please note: *unless other arrangements* are made, the award will be deposited in the winner's Whitman College Student Account. If the winner prefers a different option, **they will need to contact the Business Office before applying** to make alternative arrangements if they are selected as a winner.

The team in the Career and Community Engagement Center is available to help students develop their projects and information about the Award, including recent winners and their projects, is at [this website](#).

Proposals due noon on Wednesday, March 12. Please direct them to Noah Leavitt (leavitns@whitman.edu)

Review of proposals and selection will take place by the Provost and Dean of Faculty with an announcement by early April.

HOW TO APPLY: In three (3) pages, please respond to the following questions. You can single-space your responses and use 1-inch margins. Do not exceed three pages.

1. Describe your project. ¹
2. How does our project promote compassion in politics and/or health care?
3. How does your project enrich the Whitman campus community?
4. What costs are involved in your project?
5. What is your timeframe and how/where will you present your project? ²

¹ Please consider whether your project needs to go through Whitman's Institutional Review Board (IRB).

² Some possible ways to report back to campus community:

- Present at annual Power and Privilege Symposium

6. Does your project enhance any existing connections between the Whitman campus and the Walla Walla region? Which ones are they?
7. Does your project create any new connections between the Whitman campus and the Walla Walla region? If so, explain what you envision with those connections after the end of your project.
8. Tell us about any other elements of your project not covered in the first seven questions.

Thank you very much for your application!

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- Present to Academic Affairs staff
 - Create a video about the project that could be shared on social media
 - Work with the CCEC to schedule a lunch-and-learn open to all students, staff and faculty
 - Work with the College's Communications Office to develop stories about your project
 - Create other ways to share your project, such as stories in the *Whitman Wire* or other campus publications