



Pictured (L-R): Nicole Lun, Grace Tiffany

Museum London Announces 2026 Scholarship & Service Award Winners

London, ON – May 11, 2026 – Museum London held a private Scholarship and Service Award event on Thursday, May 7, where two scholarships were awarded to honour the memory of beloved Museum London team members, Steve Mavers and Melanie Townsend. The two scholarships recognize the work of leading local academics who are poised to make a difference in curatorial work and arts education. The evening also featured awards to honour long-serving volunteers for their generosity, commitment and years of service.

“Volunteers have played an essential role in building Museum London, and they are essential to our work and impact today.” said Julie Bevan, Executive Director at Museum London. “Volunteering is more than support, it’s collaboration. We’re so grateful for the active role our volunteers play in shaping how the Museum engages with and reflects the communities we serve.”

Museum London awards two scholarships to emerging arts professionals in their field. Made possible through the generosity of our community, these scholarships honour two deeply valued members of the Museum London team whose legacies live on at Museum London

and in the broader community.

The Melanie A. Townsend Scholarship in Museum and Curatorial Studies is designed to assist students at Western University who demonstrate exceptional dedication to curation, museum studies, and museology.

The 2026 Townsend Scholarship was awarded to Nicole Iun, who recently completed her fourth year of the Honours Specialization in Museum & Curatorial Studies at Western University. Iun's work across galleries, museums, and auction houses helped shape her strong interest in cross-cultural curation using responsible, inclusive narratives. This fall, Nicole will begin her Master's in the History of Art at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, UK.

The Steve Mavers Scholarship in Arts Education is designed to support students at Western University who are poised to make an impact in the field of arts education and in the lives of learners of all ages.

The 2026 Mavers Scholarship was awarded to Grace Tiffany, an art historian and future educator dedicated to integrating arts and creative practice across secondary education. Holding an M.A. in Contemporary Art Theory and a B.A. in Art History from the University of Ottawa, Grace believes creative practice is essential to fostering student identity, empathy, and critical inquiry as she pursues her B.Ed at Western. Her teaching philosophy is grounded in the belief that the arts are not supplementary but central to accessible, meaningful education.

The 2026 Volunteer Award recipients included Enid Sigurjonsson (Dr. Clare Bice Volunteer of the Year Award), Denise Love (Phyllis Cohen Volunteer Award), and Faith Hildreth (ML Emerging Volunteer Award), who were recognized for their service and contributions to Museum London.

Museum London extends its gratitude and sincere congratulations to all award recipients and nominees for their exceptional achievements, together shaping the future of our city and sector through their tireless work, research, and dedication.

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About Museum London

Museum London mobilizes art and history to build community and co-create an inspired future. Through exhibitions, programs, and events, we connect communities, challenge ways of thinking, and ignite creativity toward a more just world.

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