

# The 2021 WW Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies

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**Application deadline:**  
October 16, 2020

**Awards:**  
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University of Minnesota,  
women and gender studies

*The Politics of Labor, Livelihoods, and Living: Afghan refugee women's experiences in India*



**Jessie Fredlund**  
The Graduate Center, CUNY,  
anthropology

*Ancestors and Rain in a Changing Climate: The Politics of Water, Knowledge and Time in a Catchment Area, Uluguru, Tanzania*



**Maryam Rokhideh**  
University of Notre Dame,  
anthropology

*"Everything is on My Back": Women's Work, Mobility, and Welfare on the Congo-Rwanda Border*



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