

Nicole Williams | Graduating Class of 2016

Nicole Williams is currently the Research and Evaluation Specialist at the Elizabeth Fry Society of Calgary. In her position at Elizabeth Fry, she maintains effective and efficient outcome measurement, supports various research projects, and collaborates with community stakeholders through participation in working groups, evidence-based research, and conferences. Additionally, Nicole is an active board member with The SHARP Foundation and is involved in ongoing community-based research projects, academic paper writing, and advocacy surrounding domestic violence, homelessness, poverty, and harm reduction.

Nicole graduated from the School of Public Policy's Master of Public Policy program in 2016. Her capstone project was titled *Domestic Violence Shelter Use Patterns: The Complexity and Intersectionality of Women's Help-Seeking Behaviour*. She was awarded the 2016 Master of Public Policy Alumni Council Capstone Prize, which is awarded by senior faculty members and the Alumni Council to one graduating student as a reflection of the quality of the student's research, writing, and insight into a significant public policy question. She continues to engage with students in the Master of Public Policy program through the mentorship program and through her continued involvement in professional development and capstone enhancement events.