

Frequently Asked Questions about Student Awards

What are prizes?

Prizes are offered on the basis of academic performance in a particular course or program. Prizes make it possible for the university to recognize the academic achievement of our top students.

What are scholarships?

Scholarships are offered on the basis of academic achievement to encourage promising students to pursue a university education. University of Manitoba scholarships help attract the best and brightest students to our institution.



What are bursaries?

Bursaries are awarded to students on the basis of financial need and good academic standing. Bursaries help the University of Manitoba open its doors to students whose financial circumstances might otherwise discourage them from pursuing post-secondary studies.

What are fellowships?

Many students have a desire to continue their education beyond an undergraduate degree. Fellowships, which provide substantial award support for graduate students, help us recruit and retain the best graduate student researchers, who will contribute to the innovative research being conducted at the university. Increasing the number of fellowships awarded at the university is one of our biggest priorities.

What are the differences between an endowed award and an annually funded award?

Endowments provide a permanent and ever-increasing source of income for scholarships, bursaries or awards. The money is invested in stocks and bonds for the purpose of increasing and retaining principal. Only the interest revenue generated from that principal is spent on an award. With an annually sponsored award, the entire amount of a donor's gift each year is directed to students.

If I wanted to set up either an endowed or an annually funded student award, how much should I contribute?

When making a decision about how much to contribute for a student award, it is useful to consider the different costs that students incur; for example, the cost of textbooks and residence living. You might set the award value at the cost of one course, full tuition, or tuition plus textbooks. For a complete list of recommended values of awards, please see the reverse.

Can I set up an award in my name or a family member's name?

Awards can be named in honour of a family member, a professor, a colleague, a community leader, or a notable event, and will often encourage students in the same field as the person being honoured.



SUGGESTED STANDARDS FOR AWARD VALUES AND ENDOWMENTS

Supporting named scholarships, prizes, bursaries, and fellowships at the University of Manitoba

Financial Aid and Awards Office (Updated-April 2007)

	DESCRIPTION	Suggested Award Value (\$)	Endowment (for principal) required to support the award
A: Graduate Level:			
1. Full graduate fellowship	National NSERC 2 nd and 3 rd year student at Ph.D. level (PGFD)	21,000	470,000
	National NSERC 1 st and 2 nd year (Master's level - PGSM)	17,300	385,000
	National SSHRC	19,000	425,000
	UM Ph.D.	16,000	360,000
	UM thesis-based Masters	12,000	270,000
	UM course-based Masters	12,000	270,000
2. Graduate "top-up" scholarship	Maximum top-up (Ph.D.)	10,000	225,000
	Maximum top-up (Thesis-based Masters)	10,000	225,000
	Intermediate top-up (course-based Masters)	10,000	225,000
B: Undergraduate Level:			
1. "Residential Scholarship	Tuition (\$3,500), books (\$1,500), residence - single room (\$5,700), misc. (\$2,300)	13,000	290,000
2. Full-tuition scholarship		3,500	80,000
3. Half-tuition scholarship		1,750	40,000
4. Single course scholarship	Tuition (\$700) + books (\$450)	1200	27,000
	Tuition only	700	16,000
	Books only	450	10,000
5. Bursaries	Single course	700	16,000
	Half course	450	10,000
6. Prizes	Course prize	450	10,000