Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

**Endowment Fund Competition**

 **CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS**

**Required supporting documents and justification:**

* Provide quotes for equipment and material requests. Note:For items valued over $10,000, three quotes are required.
* Provide quotes or estimates for travel funds including conference/workshop fees, accommodations and airfare/transportation costs, for participants and invited speakers.
* Provide full justification of costs and full program details when requesting travel funds to attend conferences/workshops etc. **If awarded, you will be required to explain the benefit of the event to the wider student body**, either by written or oral report, so other students can be inspired and learn about these opportunities*.*

**Note:** If required documentation/justification is not included in the proposal, the proposal may not be funded.

**Funding rules normally followed:**

* Priority is given to proposals that benefit a greater number of current and/or future students.
* Priority is given to proposals where projects and programs are consistent with the academic goals of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, including but not limited to:
* teaching projects/equipment
* student recruitment activities
* visiting scientists and lecturers
* special projects for support staff
* specialized computer equipment where clear teaching benefit is demonstrated (funding of computer equipment for graduate students and research infrastructure should be shared by the grant-holder in the respective department)
* student competitions
* field trips – a field course fee should be charged where applicable, rather than seeking financial support from the Endowment Fund
* library acquisitions
* conferences or workshops
* support for approved student exchange activities outside the University of Manitoba
* Priority is given to proposals that demonstrate that funding from other sources was applied for, or already obtained. Below is a non-exhaustive list of available funding opportunities at the University of Manitoba for travel and teaching:

* [Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Student Initiative Fund](https://umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/student/studentinitiativefund.html)
* [Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Program](https://centre.cc.umanitoba.ca/research/scholarship-of-teaching-and-learning/sotl-program/)
* [Conference Sponsorship Program and Student Travel Support to Competitions](https://umanitoba.ca/research/ors/um_funding.html#Conference_Sponsorship_Program___and_Student_Travel_Support_to_Competitions)
* [Faculty of Graduate Studies Virtual Conference Award](https://universityofmanitoba.formstack.com/forms/fgs_virtual_conference_award)
* [University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association (UMGSA) Conference Grant](http://www.umgsa.org/conference-grant/)
* [Support Staff Endowment Fund](https://umanitoba.ca/staff/endowment/)
* [Awards and Funding Opportunities](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_academic/awards.html) (Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic))
* [Financial Aid and Awards](http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/index.html) (Student Affairs)