



Department of Political Studies

University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship Application 2012 - 2013

Political Studies Deadline: January 16, 2012

Submit applications to:
Graduate Program
Department of Political Studies
532 Fletcher Argue Building
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 5V5

University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowships (UMGF)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies usually offers about \$2 million in new and continuing University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowships (UMGF) each year to meritorious students for full-time study and/or research (which includes works that are considered creative endeavors) leading to a graduate degree. Awards are made on the basis of academic excellence, and are open to students who will be registered as full-time graduate students (Masters or Ph.D.) at the University of Manitoba regardless of nationality or discipline during tenure of the award.

Only students with a minimum GPA of 3.75 (above B+) in the last two completed years of study at a recognized university based on a Bachelor, Masters, Graduate Diploma or Doctoral degree will be recommended. Competition for the UMGF is strong each year and there are always many more students recommended than there are available awards.

International GPAs are calculated using the equivalency criteria from the Faculty of Graduate Studies website http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/facultyinfo/assess/index.php

Offer of a UMGF does not guarantee admission into a graduate program at the University of Manitoba.

I. Value

Value for a 12-month period

Ph.D.	\$16,000.00
Masters	\$12,000.00

II. Eligibility

Applicants must meet ALL eligibility requirements.

Academic standing - Students with a minimum GPA of 3.75 (above B+) in the last two full years of study (minimum of 48 credit hours in a Bachelor degree) at a recognized university based on a Bachelor, Masters, Graduate Diploma or a Doctoral degree.

Citizenship – All students regardless of citizenship are eligible to apply. **Canadian citizens and permanent residents are encouraged to apply to CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC scholarships, if they are eligible for funding from these research councils.** Students that do not apply for a national award may be considered ineligible for the UMGF

Fields of study – Students in all fields of graduate studies are eligible to apply.

Years of Graduate studies

The following students are eligible to apply for a UMGF in the Masters program

- Students in their final year of a bachelor degree program who will be entering a full-time Masters program as of September 2012 or January 2013
- Students in a Pre-Masters program who will be entering a full-time Masters program as of September 2012 or January 2013
- Students currently registered in the first year of a Master's program

The following students are eligible to apply for a UMGF in the Ph.D. program

- Students entering a full-time Ph.D. program as of September 2012 or January 2013
- Students currently in the first, second or third year of a Ph.D. program
- Students transferring to a full-time Ph.D. program from a Master's program (note: students who transfer to a Ph.D. program from a Master's program without getting a degree - time spent in a Master's program will count as part of the Ph.D. program in determining eligibility)

Students are eligible to receive the UMGF for the first two years of their Master's program and the first four years of their Ph.D. program. **Total maximum UMGF support for any individual graduate student is four years.**

In computing years of graduate studies, two years of a part-time study are equivalent to one-year full-time study.

III. External Funding

UMGF awards are funded from University sources. With more students applying for and gaining external funding, more funds are available to students who are not eligible for external funding. Departments are requested to ensure that all eligible students apply for external funding.

Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of every funding opportunity to allow those students ineligible for external scholarships access to UMGF awards. Therefore, it is expected for students who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents to apply for external scholarship, if they are eligible, from the major research councils (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR). Students that are eligible to apply for the MHRC are also expected to apply for the scholarship in order to be considered for the UMGF competition. **Eligible students who do not apply for external scholarships may be considered ineligible for UMGF funding.**

Students offered a national, provincial or international funding for full-time study and/or research at the University of Manitoba will be required to accept the external funding and decline the UMGF.

UMGF Renewals - Students who are awarded a UMGF are required to apply for external funding if they are eligible, to qualify for subsequent year(s) of funding. Students who are eligible to apply for external funding but do not do so will be considered ineligible for renewal of their award.

IV. Funding Limits

The UMGF is not tenable with any other scholarship that has a greater monetary value than the UMGF award.

V. Transfers

Students awarded a UMGF may transfer their award from one University of Manitoba (U of M) department to another, with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The student must request the transfer in writing to the Dean of Graduate Studies, which will be recommended and signed by the student's advisor/supervisor, the Head of the former department and the proposed new Head of the department.

If a student transfers courses from one Masters program to another, their eligibility in the second program is limited to 24 months less the number of months spent in the first year of their Masters program. If no courses (ie. Credit hours) are transferred to a second Masters program, then the student is eligible for the full 24 months of UMGF support at the Masters level.

UMGF Master's recipients who transfer from a Master's to a Ph.D. in the middle of an academic year will continue to receive funding at the Master's level until the end of that academic year. To receive funding at the Ph.D. level, the student must re-apply in the next competition as a Ph.D. student.

VI. Start Date and End Date

Start Date

Normally the start date for the UMGF is September – the beginning of the academic year. An early (May) start date may be approved upon receipt of a signed letter on letterhead from the student's advisor supporting the request payments to begin in May. Please note that if the first installment is paid in May and the first admission date to the current program was in the month of September, the fellowship will terminate at the end of April in a subsequent year.

Fellowships may be deferred to January only. Recipients must decline the UMGF and reapply in the next competition if they are unable to accept the fellowship upon a deferral to January (i.e., if the award can not be taken up in January, after having been deferred from September, then it must be declined).

Students admitted under the “provisional status” may not receive the award during the provisional period and may not accept the award if the provisional status is not cleared within a 4-month (one-term) period.

End Date

All awards are terminated as follows:

Completion of Degree – Students will have their UMGF award pro-rated to the end of the month in which they complete their degree requirements. The date of **degree completion** is the date on which all requirements for a degree has been met, including successful defense and submission of the final two copies of thesis to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students will be required to return any amounts issued to them for the time period after this date.

Withdrawal from Program – Students will have their UMGF award pro-rated to the date by which their withdrawal from their degree program is effective. Students will be required to return any amounts issued to them for the time period after their effective withdrawal date.

Any fellowship payment received covering any period of ineligibility must be repaid in full.

VII. Award Payment

Students must be admitted and registered as full-time graduate student without provision in the academic year that they are receiving a UMGF.

UMGF payments are disbursed in biweekly instalments and will be directly deposited to their account. May payment is contingent upon continued eligibility and approval of a satisfactory renewal form which UMGF recipients will receive in December. Award payments are not credited towards tuition. Students are responsible for paying their own tuition.

VIII. Selection and Announcement

Selection Criteria

Applicants for the UMGF are evaluated and selected according to the criteria in the following categories:

- **Academic excellence**
 - academic record
- **Awards**
 - scholarships and awards held
- **Research ability or potential**
 - quality of contributions to research and development (including works considered creative endeavors)
 - relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research
 - significance, feasibility, and merit of proposed research
 - ability to think critically
 - ability to apply skills and knowledge
 - judgement
 - originality
 - initiative and autonomy
 - enthusiasm for research
 - determination and ability to complete projects within an appropriate period of time
- **Communication Skills**
 - The ability or potential to communicate scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats. For example this could include:
 - i. quality of the application's presentation
 - ii. participating in preparing publications
 - iii. awards for oral presentations or papers

- **Interpersonal and leadership abilities**

- Professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations. For example, this could include:
 - i. mentoring
 - ii. teaching
 - iii. supervisory experience
 - iv. project management
 - v. chairing committees
 - vi. organizing conferences and meetings
 - vii. elected positions held

Typical Selection Criteria Weightings – may vary		
	<u>Masters</u>	<u>Ph.D.</u>
Academic Excellence (GPA)	60%	50%
Awards, Publications, Research, Communications, Experience, creative endeavors	20%	30%
Advisor’s Assessment and Department Head Comments and Ranking	20%	20%

Notification of decision

Successful applicants will receive a notice of award and must refer to the relevant UMGF *Award Holder’s Guide*, which contains instructions on how to obtain payment as well as the regulations pertaining to their award.

INSTRUCTIONS ON COMPLETING THE UMGF APPLICATION FORM

General Presentation

When you prepare your application and supporting materials, follow these guidelines:

- Print must be in black ink (**typed**), and be of letter quality (minimum standard).
- Text must be single-spaced, with no more than six lines per inch.
- If you use a type size measured in points (pts), it must be no smaller than 12 pts.
- If you use a type size measured in characters per inch (cpi), it must be no more than 10 cpi.
- Condensed type is not acceptable.
- The on-line application form is automatically formatted to meet these standards and the type size can not be changed.

Attachments (free form)

- Use white paper 8 ½ x 11 inches (21.5 cm x 28 cm).
- Set margins at ¾ of an inch (1.9 cm) (minimum) all around.
- Enter your name at the top of every page.
- Print on one side of the paper only.
- Please follow the regulations pertaining to the number of pages allowed. Pages in excess of the number permitted will be removed.

What does my signature on the application mean?

- You accept the terms and conditions of the award as set out in the UMGF regulations (attached to the application form) and the Award Holder's Guide.
- You will acknowledge, wherever possible, UMGF's funding assistance
- You certify that the information provided in your application is complete, accurate and consistent with institutional policies to the best of your knowledge. The provision of false or inaccurate information may result in sanctions, including termination of funding and disentitlement from eligibility for future funding.

PART I – FOR APPLICANT

TITLE

Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss/Dr – title is used when corresponding with the applicant

LAST NAME & FIRST NAME

Name should match all documents enclosed with the application and will appear when corresponding with the applicant. If the name on the application differs from transcripts and/or other documents enclosed with the application, the applicant is required to submit documentation (ie marriage certificate) to clarify the applicant's identity.

ADDRESSES

Current address information will be used when corresponding with the applicant unless otherwise noted.

STUDENT NUMBER

This number is provided to you by the University of Manitoba and will be your reference number in all correspondence with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. If you do not have a student number or if you do not know what your student number is, leave this section blank.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Include only current and past programs. Do not include programs that you have not yet started.

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, WORKS CONSIDERED CREATIVE ENDEAVORS AND OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

In the area labeled "Position held under nature of work," specify whether the employment was full- or part-time. Also, indicate if you gained the experience in the course of a program of study.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED

Starting with your most recent awards, give the name of the award, the value, the type (institutional, provincial, national, or international), the location of tenure, and the period held.

Only list the support awarded on the basis of academic and research excellence and/or in recognition of your leadership or communication skills.

AWARDS APPLIED FOR

Indicate awards applied for other than the UMGF. Note that eligible students are expected to apply for national awards (eg. NSERC, SSHRC or CIHR) and the MHRC to be considered for the UMGF.

PROPOSED LOCATION OF TENURE

Specify the proposed department and advisor (if known) for the upcoming academic year. **NOTE: Students may apply through one department only.**

PUBLICATIONS (one free form page may be appended)

List your contributions to research and development and works considered creative endeavors. Begin with your most recent, and list each entry on a new line. Do not include any articles that are currently in preparation. Use the following headings and order in your listing:

- a. Articles published or accepted in refereed journals;
- b. Articles submitted to refereed journals;
- c. Other refereed contributions (e.g., communications, papers in refereed conference proceedings, posters etc.);
- d. Technology transfer;
- e. Contributions resulting from your participating in industry relevant R&D activities; and
- f. Patents and copyrights (e.g., software, but excluding publications).

For publications submitted or in press, indicate the date of acceptance/submission and the number of pages submitted.

In all cases, indicate whether the publication resulted from work done in the process of completing your undergraduate, master's or doctoral degree, or from other relevant work experience.

THESIS COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS

For completed degrees, indicate the date by which you completed all degree requirements (not the convocation date). This includes your thesis defence, corrections, and deposition of thesis.

Proposed Research (one free form page may be appended)

Provide a detailed description of your proposed research activities and/or creative endeavors for the period during tenure of the award. State the objectives and outline the experimental or theoretical approach to be taken, and the methods and procedures to be used. State the significance of the proposed research activities to the field.

If you have not yet formulated a plan of research, you must describe the specific research problems that interest you and explain why.

Part II

REFEREES

Only **one letter of support** may be included with the UMGF application form, additional letters will not be sent to the Awards Committee. However, students who do not have a University of Manitoba academic record may append one extra letter of support from a person most knowledgeable about their academic work.

What you should do

Provide a photocopy of your completed application to your referee. Provide your referee with the instructions and the original of Part II or refer them to the on-line form.

Allow sufficient time to enable your referee to complete, print and return the form. The referee must return the form and the letter of reference to you in a signed and sealed envelope or send it directly to the department you are applying through.

How to complete Part II of the UMGF application – FOR REFEREES

Who should complete this form?

Complete this form if you have agreed to evaluate an applicant for a UMGF award.

Also:

- Use this form in conjunction with the applicant's completed copy of the UMGF application form
- Once you have completed the rating form and have attached a letter of support, the Faculty of Graduate Studies Awards Committee will use it to review and assess the application for an award.
- Complete and submit the signed form and the letter of support prior to the deadline. The Awards Committee will not consider the application without it.

GENERAL PRESENTATION

When you prepare your report on the applicant, follow these guidelines:

- The form and letter of support must be typed
- Print must be in black ink, and be of letter quality (minimum standard)
- If you use a type size measured in points (pts), it must be **no smaller** than 12 pts.
- If you use a type size measured in characters per inch (cpi), it must be **no more** than 10 cpi
- Condensed type is **not** acceptable.
- A one-page letter of support must be appended (this letter should be consistent with the ratings provided in the grid)

How to complete this form

Rate the applicant on each of the evaluation criteria in the grid and justify your evaluation in the supporting letter. Rather than providing general comments, assess the applicant's strengths and limitations for each criterion. Include **specific examples** of the applicant's accomplishments and contributions to support your assessment.

Note

If you provide exceptionally high or low ratings that are inconsistent with the application as a whole, they may diminish the report's credibility. Please note that this report will be accessible to the applicant with your particulars blocked out.

Application for
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP
DEADLINE: January 16, 2012

PART I

Title	Last Name of Applicant	First Name	Initial of all given names
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ADDRESSES

Current address (street name & number/City/Province/Postal Code)	Permanent mailing address (if different than current address) (street name & number/City/Province/Postal Code)
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If current address is temporary, indicate leaving date	Telephone number at permanent mailing address
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Telephone number	Facsimile number	E-mail address
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U of M student #	Present Department	Present Institution
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CITIZENSHIP

Canadian Citizen	Permanent resident of Canada	Visa student
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SIGNATURE

I hereby agree that any award made to me as a result of this application will be subject to the general conditions governing the UMGF. These conditions are outlined in the regulations attached to this application form, as well as the regulations outlined in the *Award Holder's Guide*.

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the instructions and information sheet attached to this application form and that all statements made in connection with this application are true and complete.

I authorize the university to verify any information, transcripts, or reference letters provided as part of this application.

I understand that my application will be rejected if I have not disclosed my complete academic record or have submitted false information in support of my application to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In such an event I understand that future applications from me will not be considered.

Date

Signature of Applicant

This personal information is being collected under the authority of *The University of Manitoba Act* and will be used for the purpose of assessing your application for the UMGF competition. It may be shared with other educational institutions. Information regarding graduation and awards may be made public. Upon your graduation, name, address and degree information you have provided will be given to and maintained by the Alumni Records department in order to assist in the University's advancement and development efforts. This information is protected by the Protection of Privacy provisions of Manitoba's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions about the collection, contact the FIPPA Coordinator's Office (204) 474-8339, c/o Archives and Special Collections, 331 Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2.

Last Name of Applicant	First Name
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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (current and past degree programs including in programs in progress)

Degree	Name of discipline	Department, Institution and country	Month and year started	Month and year awarded/expected	Status (PT/FT)
Bachelor's					
Master's					
Doctorate					

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, CREATIVE WORKS AND OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Position held and nature of work (begin with current)	Organization and department	Supervisor	Period (mm/yyyy – mm/yyyy)

Last Name of Applicant	First Name
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AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED
(indicate whether they are national, provincial, or institutional)

Award & Value	University	Period (mm/yyyy – mm/yyyy)

Last Name of Applicant	First Name		
AWARDS APPLIED FOR (Please note that in order to be considered for the UMGF eligible students are expected to apply to NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR & MHRC)			
Award	Year applied for		
PROPOSED LOCATION OF TENURE (in order of preference)			
Department	Proposed Advisor		
Indicate if you are attending university at the time of application			
Attending part-time	Attending full-time	Not attending	
I propose to study for	Ph.D. degree	Master's degree	in the 2007/2008 academic calendar

Last Name of Applicant

First Name

PUBLICATIONS (List papers published in refereed journals, book and proceedings, beginning with the most recent. **One additional page** may be appended if needed).

Last Name of Applicant		First Name
THESIS COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS		
1. Degree	Supervisor	Date degree requirements completed
Title of thesis		
2. Degree	Supervisor	Date degree requirements completed
Title of thesis		
<p>Please provide a brief statement of your proposed academic research and objectives (both short term and long term), and expected area of study. This statement must be authored and written by the applicant. Your statement must be understandable to someone outside of your field. Use plain language and do not reproduce abstract of thesis. (<u>Only one additional page</u> including references may be appended using 12 pt. Font with 6 lines per inch.)</p>		

Last Name of Applicant		First Name	
REFEREES			
Provide information on one referee who will complete Part II of the application and will submit a letter of support. If you do not have a "University of Manitoba Academic Record", you may append one extra letter of reference from a person most knowledgeable about your academic work.			
Last Name		First Name	
Position		Department/Division	
Institution			
Telephone No.	Facsimile No.	E-mail address	
Last Name		First Name	
Position		Department/Division	
Institution			
Telephone No.	Facsimile No.	E-mail address	
UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPTS			
List all university transcripts appended to this application. You must include all undergraduate and graduate transcripts. Only official transcripts, "student histories" from the Registrar's Office and certified true copies are acceptable. Web printouts and Student Aurora printouts are not acceptable. These documents must be sealed upon receipt at the departmental level.			

PART II – TO BE COMPLETED BY REFEREE

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** and must be completed by the student's proposed advisor or a faculty member from any academic institution with special knowledge of the student. Submit to: Graduate Program, Department of Political Studies, 532 Fletcher Argue Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 5V5

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THIS REPORT CONSISTS OF THREE PARTS AND ALL PARTS MUST BE COMPLETED:
 The information provided on this form is most important to the Awards Committee in evaluating the suitability of the candidate for receiving the UMGF. You are therefore asked to give detailed information (both pros and cons) about the candidate.

- (2.1) How long have you known this student and in what capacity? (professor, supervisor, committee member etc.)
 (2.2) Check the boxes that most nearly represent your opinion of the candidate in comparison with a representative group of individuals you have known who have had approximately the same training and experience.
 (2.3) The letter of support should be typed in black, as the material must be duplicated for the peer review process.

2.1 I have known this applicant for _____ (#) years in the capacity as his/her _____ (professor, advisor, committee etc.) On the basis of my experience with _____ (#) students at a similar level over _____ years, I would give this student the following rating:

2.2 RATING FORM (Note: Ratings should be consistent with information contained within the body of the application form – including the marks on the transcripts)

	EXCEPTIONAL		EXCELLENT		VERY GOOD	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE	UNABLE TO JUDGE
	Upper 2%	Upper 10%	Upper 15%	Upper 20%	Upper 33%	Upper 50%	Lower 50%	
Academic Preparation								
Demonstrated scholarly ability								
Demonstrated Research ability								
Student's Research Proposal								
Communication Skills (written)								
Communication Skills (oral)								
Industriousness/ Motivation								
Creativity								
Originality								
Judgement								

2.3 PLEASE ELABORATE ON THE ABOVE RATINGS BY ATTACHING AN ADDITIONAL LETTER OF SUPPORT (REQUIRED)

Name of Respondent (Print)	Signature
Position	Institution

