

MAJOR STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. There shall be annual field-specific awards, in each of the areas of cardiovascular biology, child health, and neurobiology or infection and immunity, presented to doctoral students who, in the view of an appropriately constituted major awards committee (section b), have performed the best research in one of these areas. These categories may change from time to time. In addition, there shall be major awards for PhD students and MSc students which are not research field-specific.

2. There shall also be one major prize known as the E.L. Drewry Memorial Award. This award major awards committee, completed the best research overall. The recipient is normally expected to receive the award in person as well as to give a faculty-wide lecture on his/her research. The travel cost incurred by the recipient to present the lecture, should he or she have already left the university, will be reimbursed to a predetermined maximum.

3. All of the awards described under sections 1 and 2 (above) may be made annually or may be withheld at the discretion of the major awards committee.

4. Description of awards:

\$1000 Children's Hospital Research Institute Of Manitoba (CHRIM) award for pediatrics and child health

\$1000 MMSF Award (unallocated/open for PhD students)

\$1000 MMSF Award (unallocated/open for MSc students)

\$1000 St. Boniface General Hospital Foundation Inc. Award for Cardiovascular Biology

\$1000 E.L. Drewry Award – overall excellence (plus a travel award in support of a faculty lectureship)

\$1000 Health Sciences Centre Foundation Inc. Award for infection and immunity or for neurobiology

\$1000 Emergent Biosolutions For Research In Infectious Diseases

5. All awards shall be based primarily on the excellence of research. Documentation considered relevant by the major awards committee includes the following: a cover letter from the student summarizing their research accomplishments, an abstract of the thesis (if available), reprints of publications (published manuscripts "in press"), a curriculum vitae of the student and letters of support by the student's advisor and one other individual knowledgeable of the student's research. These letters shall clearly outline the merits of the student's research and also briefly describe other research-related merits of the student. The major awards committee may also seek further information (eg. Through personal interview). Note: a transcript should not be included.

6. The submission of documents for consideration by the awards committee shall be made by the student in consultation with the student's advisor. The submission shall be accompanied by an indication of the category in which the student wishes to compete and, though the committee retains jurisdiction in this matter.

7. The chair of the major awards committee shall be responsible for announcing annually the submission deadlines. It shall also receive, on behalf of the committee, all applications for consideration by the major awards committee.

8. When there is more than one student recommended from the same laboratory, the advisor shall rank them.

9. Application by a student who has already received a major award must declare this in their cover letter and shall be judged solely on the basis of new research conducted since receiving the previous award.

10. The major awards committee shall consist of a non-voting chair (appointed by the associate dean (research) and one member from each of the research areas represented by major awards.

11. The chair shall solicit nominations for membership on the awards committee from all departments offering PhD degrees, one nomination per subject area. From among the appointees, the chair shall select one individual for each subject area. These individuals will serve as primary reviewers of the submissions in a given subject area. The faculty advisor of a student being considered for a major award shall be excluded from membership on the awards committee.

12. Vetting of the applications received will be at the discretion of the major awards committee.

13. Eligibility for a major award:

- Applicants must be doctoral students (except for the MSc award specified), regardless of citizenship.
 - The applicant and advisor must have been a member of the Max Rady College Of Medicine within the current academic year.
 - Applications by a student who has already received a major award shall be solely on the basis of new research conducted after the previous award.
 - Applicants shall not be disqualified on the basis of their research area does not “fit” into a given award subject area.
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14. To choose the winner of the Drewry award, the chair will announce the subject area winners. The awards committee will once again discuss the candidates, and the members will finally rank. The candidate receiving the highest average rating will be declared the winner.

Application details

The format of document submission is provided in the application instructions document downloadable from the research days website: http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/conferences/research_days/827.html#award%20applications%20&%20tors

The completed applications will be received on behalf of the committee chairs, by the office of graduate and advanced degree education in medicine.

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