**Call for Statements of Interest**

**RFHS Graduate Student & Postdoc**

**Associate Membership with Bioscience Association Manitoba**

**Summary:** Up to 14 graduate students and 5 postdoctoral fellows at the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences will be selected for inclusion in an Associate Membership to Bioscience Association Manitoba, extending from May 2022 to April 2023.

**Eligibility:**

* Currently enrolled in a RFHS graduate program OR current graduate student or postdoc whose primary supervisor holds a primary appointment within RFHS
* 1st time participants will be given priority

**Description:**Bioscience Association Manitoba (BAM) is a non-profit company whose stated mission is “To enable commercial success for Manitoba’s bioscience companies by acting as a catalyst for innovation, by expanding the sector’s skills and workforce development, and by leading with one unified voice to create local and global engagement.” They have over 110 member companies, spanning 3 sectors: Biohealth, Ag Biotech and Clean Biotech. Their members and partners include for-profit companies, research institutions, funding organizations, and other non-profit entities.  BAM holds several networking events each year (4 or more), hosts special events such as pitch competitions, workshops/forums, global biotech week celebrations, and a yearly gala, publishes reports such as the Industry Profile Study, offers professional skills training, advocates for the industry, and serves as a hub for bioscience industry news, discussion forums, and job openings.

**Benefits of membership:**Building a network is instrumental for career success in several ways. Students and postdoc members will find opportunities to gain confidence, practice their science communication skills, learn about their career options directly from those in the industry, and potentially tap into the hidden job market. As associate members, they will attend events and training sessions at no cost or reduced cost (varies by event). Dr. Samantha Pauls will attend and coach students and postdocs with tips, tricks and challenges to promote meaningful engagement.

**Application process:** Submit a Statement of Interest **(maximum 1 page**) and to Dr. Samantha Pauls (samantha.pauls@umanitoba.ca) The statements will be evaluated and ranked by an interdisciplinary committee of RFHS faculty members. Please include:

* Your Advisor, College, and Department (if applicable)
* For students, your degree program and expected graduate date (preference may be given to senior students)
* A brief description of your career goals
* Evidence of previous professional development efforts
* How you expect this membership to advance your career goals

**Due date:** April 15, 2022 at 4:00pm