

Samuel Weiner Distinguished Visitor Award General Guidelines

Purpose and Nature of the Award

The purpose of the award is to bring renowned scientists or scholars to the University of Manitoba to stimulate and encourage research at the University. The award is intended to support the visit of individuals who are making outstanding contributions in their particular fields of research and who are recognized as international authorities in their areas of research. The award is normally reserved for individuals who received their Ph.D. degrees ten or more years ago.

Distinguished visitors are expected to engage in a variety of activities, including delivering at least one public lecture at the Fort Garry or Bannatyne Campus, consulting with faculty members and graduate students, and participating in classes and seminars. Visits are typically about one week in length.

Normally, one award is made each year. The maximum value of each award is \$3,000.

The Office of the Vice-President (Research & International) on behalf of the University of Manitoba administers the Samuel Weiner Distinguished Visitor Award.

Nomination Procedures

Faculty members on behalf of their faculty/department/unit make nominations and collaboration among units is highly encouraged. Nominators are expected to secure supplementary funding (from the faculty/department/unit, other agencies/foundations, etc.) to support these visits.

Each nomination should be accompanied by:

- a current *curriculum vitae* of the nominee;
- a supporting letter from the nominator(s) providing a rationale for the nomination in terms of the selection criteria (see next section);
- the itinerary for the proposed visit, including public lectures, seminars, consultations and other activities;
- the probable dates of the proposed visit;
- the budget for the proposed visit, including travel and living, guest lecture fees, honorarium;
- an indication of other sources of support either applied for or available to support the proposed visit, and
- statements from other individuals/units supporting the nomination.

Nominations should be forwarded to Sarah Vanderveen, Office of the Vice-President (Research & International), 202 Administration Building. **The deadline date for the receipt of nominations is June 30.** Late nominations will not be considered.

Selection Criteria

Nominations are reviewed by the Research Awards and Fellowships Committee and are assessed with respect to the overall distinction of the proposed visitor as well as the expected benefits of the proposed visit to the University in terms of its potential to stimulate and encourage research.

Conditions of the Award

Nominators are responsible for ensuring that visits are adequately publicized. An announcement of the public lecture must be forwarded to the Public Affairs department for inclusion in the Winnipeg dailies; the details of the visit must also be advertised in at least one issue of the *Bulletin*.

Copies of all promotional materials (advertisements, posters, brochures, etc.) must be forwarded to the Office of the Vice-President (Research). Upon receipt, the Office of the Vice-President (Research & International) will authorize the transfer of the award to a faculty/department/unit operating account in order to defray the costs of the visit. Costs defrayed must be in accordance with the proposed budget for the visit submitted as part of the nomination package.

At the conclusion of the visit, a final report must be submitted to the Office of the Vice-President (Research & International). This report should outline the length of the visit and itinerary; the estimated attendance at the public lectures and seminars; the expected benefits of the visit to the university.

Samuel Weiner

Samuel Weiner was a European immigrant who became a successful Winnipeg entrepreneur. He was the proprietor of several movie houses in Winnipeg's famous "North End." Best remembered of these were the Starland, the Colonial and the Regent.

Mr. Weiner was keenly interested in research. He died in 1960 and left \$15,000 to the University of Manitoba. In 1968, the University Senate approved the Samuel Weiner Distinguished Visitor Award and its terms of reference. The endowment was recapitalized from interest to allow for annual awards. The first award was made in 1980.

For more information on the ***Samuel Weiner Distinguished Visitor Award*** and other research support programs, contact:

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