

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: June 25, 2019

GENERAL

A record six University of Manitoba graduate students are recipients of 2019 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships. These awards, considered the Canadian equivalent of the United Kingdom's Rhodes Scholarships, help recruit and keep in Canada top doctoral students from across the country and around the world. Each recipient will receive \$150,000 over three years towards their research programs. The University of Manitoba is proud to congratulate these six exceptional PhD students who now call our campuses home:

- Allison Balasko: A Rady Faculty of Health Sciences student studying in the Department of Medical Microbiology, her Vanier supported work will investigate how to reverse the exhaustive and detrimental effects of HIV on the immune system.
- Elena Bilevicius: A Faculty of Arts student studying in the Department of Psychology, her Vanier work will aim to understand how social factors explain the link between negative mood and problem drinking in emerging adults.
- Aleah Fontaine: A Faculty of Arts students studying in the Department of Psychology, her Vanier funded research will explore how to positively affect change within the child welfare system in Manitoba to promote better well-being.
- Ley Fraser: A Faculty of Arts student studying in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, her Vanier work will probe questions of identity among transgendered Canadians and the discrimination they face.
- Andrew Hogan: A Faculty of Science student in the Department of Microbiology, his Vanier scholarship will aid him in exploring how traditional lab work can be combined with artificial intelligence to discover new antibiotics.
- Kyle Monkman: A Faculty of Science student in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, his Vanier will support exploration of how to advance quantum computing using new materials and methods.

On June 12, the University's new logo was introduced to students, staff, faculty and alumni after a lengthy process of collaborative and inclusive dialogue led by the University's Brand Advisory Council. The new visual identity acknowledges the University's past while looking to the future and expresses a strong connection to the Prairies and a commitment to reconciliation. Further information about the logo and its elements may be found here: <http://umanitoba.ca/admin/mco/brand/>. External Relations is undertaking a phased approach to transition existing material to reflect the new logo and units are encouraged to use existing materials that have the old logo on them before ordering new materials.

On June 14 the University celebrated a transformational gift to the Front and Centre Campaign from Stu Clark, who donated \$10 million to the I.H. Asper School of Business. In recognition of this gift, which brings Dr. Clark's lifetime support to the University of Manitoba to \$19.3 million, the University is establishing the Stu Clark Graduate School at the I.H. Asper School of Business.

June 24 - 28, 2019 will be the 5th annual Live Well @ Work week; promoting employee health and wellness with free events all week. This annual event was launched in 2015 to acknowledge the 'whole selves' that staff and faculty bring to work each day; celebrating their mental, physical, emotional,

spiritual and social well-being. All staff and faculty are invited to take the time to relax, learn, laugh and connect with colleagues. Live Well @ Work week includes a wellness fair and approximately 20 lunchtime events throughout the week at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as free group fitness classes every day throughout the day at the Active Living Centre and Joe Doupe Recreation Centre. More than 500 staff and faculty participated in the week in 2018.

Congratulations to Jeff Lieberman on his re-election as the alumni representative to the Board of Governors for a second term (2019 – 2022). Eleven candidates in total ran in the election.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- Naranjan S. Dhalla, physiology and pathophysiology, was one of six national medical heroes inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. Dr. Dhalla is a distinguished professor, who founded the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences at St. Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre.
- Vivian Bruce, retired, human nutritional sciences and Michael West, surgery, will be inducted into the 2019 Order of Manitoba, the province's highest honour. Dr. Bruce was instrumental in conducting the first research exploring the health benefits of canola oil and establishing its unique nutritional properties. Dr. West established Manitoba as a centre for excellence in neurosurgery by introducing gamma knife surgery in Canada, improving the treatment of brain tumors.
- Gayle Halas has been appointed the inaugural Rady Chair of Inter-Professional Collaborative Practice for the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences. In her new role, she will build upon collaborative relationships between educational and practice systems, promoting excellence in patient care, quality and safety.
- Nazim Cicek, biosystems engineering, was named the recipient of the 2019 Faculty of Engineering's Excellence in Engineering Education Award. This award recognizes the exceptional contributions of professors and educators to the quality of teaching and learning. Only one recipient is selected each academic year.
- Evelyn Forget, community health sciences, and academic director of the Manitoba Research Data Centre, was short-listed for the \$50,000 Donner Prize for her book *Basic Income for Canadians: The Key to a Healthier, Happier, More Secure Life for All*. The prestigious annual prize honours the best book on public policy by a Canadian.
- Minna Chung, music, was a performing guest artist and clinician for the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and South Texas College cello festival, providing master classes and rehearsals for over 150 cellists.
- The President's Student Leadership Program announced its first cohort of students selected to participate in the program. The 27 students who will participate represent 18 different disciplines and all four levels of postgraduate study. Each applicant was required to demonstrate strong leadership experience, commitment and impact.

- Lauren Eggie, geological sciences student, is the recipient of the 2018 M.Sc. Thesis Award from the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists (CSPG). The award is given for the best M.Sc. thesis on sedimentary or petroleum geology that was either produced in a Canadian university regardless of project location, or deals with a Canadian sedimentary or petroleum geology topic, regardless of university of origin.
- The College of Rehabilitation Sciences and March of Dimes Canada (MODC) announced a partnership to serve and meet the needs of people with disabilities across the country, specifically stroke survivors and caregivers. The goal is to develop and deliver programs and services in a holistic manner to those who are based in rural and remote areas.
- The inaugural Awards of Excellence in Interprofessional Education were presented to recognize individuals and organizations that made a significant contribution to the training of future health-care professionals. The awards were handed out during the third annual Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Communities & Collaboration Symposium. Rady Faculty students nominated people and teams they felt went above and beyond when it came to learning about collaboration in the workplace.
- Ongomiizwin, the Rady Faculty's Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing, co-presented Dr. Ronald Wyatt, who spoke on the topic "*Dismantling Institutional Racism to Achieve Health Equity: A New Framework.*" Wyatt is Chief Quality Officer at Cook County Health, one of the largest public health systems in the U.S. The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and the George & Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation participated in presenting Wyatt.
- The University of Manitoba celebrated Pride 2019 with festivities that included the official flag-raising ceremony with remarks by members of the UM 2SLGBTQ+ community, two-spirit panel discussion, gender-inclusive Zumba party, drag performance and participation in the Pride Winnipeg parade.

RESEARCH MATTERS

- On April 29, the 2018 Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Awards were presented. Dr. Allan Becker (Pediatrics and Child Health/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba) was awarded the Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award. A public lecture was held following the awards presentation entitled: *Clinician Scientists: Critical for the evolution of healthcare*. Becker is a recognized international leader in pediatric allergy and asthma research, care and education. His primary research interest is the origins of allergy and asthma in early life.

The recipients of the 2018 Terry G. Falconer Memorial Rh Institute Foundation Emerging Researcher Awards were also presented to academic staff members who are in the early stages of their careers and who display exceptional innovation, leadership and promise in their respective fields. The recipients were:

- **Applied Sciences** – Dr. Qiuyan Yuan (Civil Engineering) and Dr. Emma McGeough (Animal Science)

- **Creative Works** – Daniel McCafferty (School of Art)
 - **Health Sciences** – Dr. Meghan Azad (Pediatrics and Child Health/Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba)
 - **Interdisciplinary** – Dr. Changmin Jing (Supply Chain Management)
 - **Natural Sciences** – Dr. Chengbo Yang (Animal Science)
 - **Social Sciences** – Dr. Johnson Li (Psychology)
- Dr. Tracie Afifi, Community Health Sciences and Psychiatry, is the recipient of a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Gold Leaf Prize for Outstanding Achievements by an Early Career Investigator. She is an international child maltreatment and mental health researcher, and advocate for children’s rights. This award, which she officially received at Rideau Hall on June 20, 2019, is among the highest honours that can be bestowed on an individual for excellence in health research and its translation into benefits for Canadians. Each CIHR Gold Leaf Prize recipient receives a \$100,000 grant as part of the prize.
 - On June 5, Distinguished Professor Dr. Digvir Jayas was awarded an earned doctorate by the University of Saskatchewan. The award is in recognition of his substantial and sustained knowledge and contributions in his field of research, beyond that required for a typical doctorate. His nomination to receive an earned doctorate was subject to a rigorous assessment, including reviews by recognized researchers in his field from around the globe including, Australia, Israel, the United States and Canada. Reviewers commented on his quick ascent through academic ranks and prolific research outputs.

The worlds’ leading expert in stored-grain ecosystems and former Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, Jayas is known for his prolific research and training activities in addition to holding numerous administrative leadership roles. In 2018, he surpassed a milestone by authoring or co-authoring more than 400 peer-reviewed articles.

- One hundred and twenty-five research projects led by one hundred and eleven investigators received a total of \$17,848,204 in grant funding from multiple sponsors. Those projects receiving more than \$25,000 are:

PI	Sponsor	Title	Awarded
Aliani, Michel (Food and Human Nutritional Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Understanding complex interactions between flavour precursors in meat-pulse products using a flavouromics platform	\$200,000
Arsenio, Janylyn (Internal Medicine)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Single cell analysis of the molecular regulation of T cell differentiation	\$185,000
Atukorallaya, Devi (Oral Biology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Mexican tetra (<i>Astyanax mexicanus</i>) as a model to understand the development and regeneration of the epithelial appendages	\$150,000
Aukema, Harold (Food and Human Nutritional Sciences)	Mitacs Inc.	Characterization of active ingredient in buckwheat - part 2	\$33,330

Bellili, Faouzi (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Scalable and efficient machine-type communication in 5G wireless access and beyond	\$150,000
Brassinga, Ann (Microbiology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Understanding the mechanisms employed by Legionella to survive in diverse environments	\$160,000
Bridges, Gregory (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Microwave devices for biosensors and single cell dielectric spectroscopy	\$230,000
Cardona, Silvia (Microbiology)	Cystic Fibrosis Canada	Finding novel antibiotics against Burkholderia cepacia complex by genome-wide fitness and machine learning	\$300,000
Chen, Ying (Biosystems Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Simulations of microdynamics of soil, tool, and crop residue using the discrete element method (DEM)	\$275,000
Choukou, Amine (College of Rehabilitation Sciences)	Mitacs Inc.	Development and implementation of a haptic-enabled multimodal robotic platform (H-MRP) for upper-limb fine motor skills retraining	\$135,000
Dakshinamurti, Shyamala (Pediatrics and Child Health/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Looking for the key to treat blue babies	\$40,000
Davoren, Gail (Biological Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant	The ecology of focal forage fish and their influence on marine predators	\$165,000
Davoren, Gail (Biological Sciences)	NSERC Northern research supplement	The ecology of focal forage fish and their influence on marine predators	\$100,000
Davoren, Gail (Biological Sciences)	NSERC Ship time	The ecology of forage fish species and interactions with marine predators	\$77,165
Deng, Chuang (Mechanical Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Design and multiscale characterization of novel metallic systems with hierarchical microstructural heterogeneity	\$140,000
Dibrov, Pavel (Microbiology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Structure, function and dynamics of the cation-proton antiporter Vc-NhaP2 in Vibrio cholerae	\$160,000
Docker, Margaret (Biological Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Mechanisms of life history evolution in an ancient vertebrate	\$200,000
Duan, Kangmin (Oral Biology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Molecular basis and regulatory mechanisms of bacterial interspecies and intercellular interactions	\$160,000
Eftekharpour, Eftekhar (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Role of thioredoxin system in regulation of autophagy-apoptosis cross talk in neural cells: Uncovering novel molecular interactions	\$160,000

El-Gabalawy, Renee (Anesthesia)	SSHRC New Frontiers in Research Fund	A targeted preoperative virtual reality intervention with artificial intelligence integration for anxiety in patients undergoing breast cancer surgery	\$250,000
Ferguson, Philip (Mechanical Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Predictive drone control for interplanetary exploration	\$160,000
Fernyhough, Paul (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Muscarinic receptor signalling pathways regulating axonal regeneration and sprouting in adult neurons	\$32,000
Fry, William (Mark) (Biological Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Regulation of subfornical organ neurons by the neuropeptide neurotensin	\$180,000
Gericke, Michael (Physics and Astronomy)	NSERC Subatomic Physics	High precision tests of the running of the weak mixing angle with the MOLLER and P2 experiments	\$600,000
Gerstein, Aleeza (Microbiology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Genotypic and phenotypic variation during adaptation in fungal microbes	\$190,000
Gillis, Darren (Biological Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant	The impact of ecological dynamics and statistical properties in fisheries data on the sustainability of fish populations and harvest	\$140,000
Gole, Aniruddha (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Enabling a robust future HVDC grid	\$455,000
Gordon, Joseph (Nursing)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Modulation of cell death and differentiation by myocardin-regulated microRNAs during mammalian development	\$160,000
Hanson, Mark (Environment & Geography)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Response and recovery in boreal wetlands from contaminants: New and culturally appropriate tools for ecological risk assessment	\$235,000
Hatch, Grant (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Regulation of membrane transport by cardiolipin	\$160,000
Hossain, Ekram (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	On design and engineering of radio access networks for beyond 5G wireless	\$320,000
House, James (Food and Human Nutritional Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Nutritional regulation of sulphur amino acid metabolism	\$275,000
Hu, Can-Ming (Physics and Astronomy)	NSERC Discovery Grant & Accelerator Supplement	Cavity Spintronics: Expanding the horizons for microwave, THz, magnetic, and quantum technologies	\$495,000

Irani, Pourang (Computer Science)	Mitacs Inc.	A cross-cultural study of electromyography input for older adults	\$55,000
Irani, Pourang (Computer Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	In-situ user interfaces	\$445,000
Jakobson, Lorna (Psychology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Factors contributing to natural variation in perceptual and cognitive skills	\$165,000
Jones, Meaghan (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics)	SSHRC New Frontiers in Research Fund	Reversing frailty through transmission of epigenetic age by extracellular vesicles	\$250,000
Kelly, Debbie (Psychology)	NSERC Research tools & instruments	Integrating cognitive science and movement ecology through the establishment of Technosmart Avian Tracking System	\$89,822
Khoshdarregi, Mohammad (Mechanical Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Intelligent robotic machining systems: Integrated process planning, monitoring, and control	\$135,000
Kirkland, Stephen (Mathematics)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Nonnegative and combinatorial matrix theory	\$105,000
Kirkland, Stephen (Mathematics)	NSERC PromoScience	Summer workshop in mathematics	\$38,100
Kuss, Christian (Chemistry)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Conjugated polymer binders for lithium- and sodium-ion batteries	\$140,000
Kuss, Sabine (Chemistry)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Scanning photoelectrochemical microscopy and its application to biological systems	\$120,000
Kuss, Sabine (Chemistry)	NSERC Research tools & instruments	A scanning electrochemical microscope for the analysis of biological systems	\$150,000
Kuss, Sabine (Chemistry)	SSHRC New Frontiers in Research Fund	Investigation of antibiotic resistance by electrochemistry	\$236,250
Kuzyk, Zou Zou (Geological Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant & Northern Supplement	Organic carbon cycling along high-latitude continental margins and implications of climate change	\$200,000
Leboe-McGowan, Launa (Psychology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Metaphorical influences on time perception	\$140,000
Liang, Xihui (Mechanical Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Development of advanced condition monitoring techniques for gearboxes and bearings	\$160,000
Lindsey, Benjamin (Human Anatomy and Cell Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Radial-glia stem cell development and plasticity in the adult zebrafish brain	\$150,000
Litwiller, Fenton (Kinesiology and Recreation Management)	Research Manitoba	How do rural LGBT2SQ youth in Manitoba negotiate gender and sexual identities and develop resilience	\$39,814

Liu, Song (Biosystems Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Development of functional materials for battling bacterial contamination	\$165,000
Louis, Deepak (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of indomethacin in preterm neonates <27 weeks gestational age	\$59,500
Luo, Yunhua (Mechanical Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Understanding bone strength and fracture by multiscale modeling, testing and imaging: The role of chemical composition and hierarchical structure	\$195,000
Maghoul, Pooneh (Civil Engineering)	SSHRC New Frontiers in Research Fund	Threat assessment for northern civil infrastructure affected by climate change using an AI-based geomechanical model	\$250,000
Mammei, Juliette (Physics and Astronomy)	NSERC Subatomic Physics	PREX II and CREX: Precision parity violating measurement of neutron skin of heavy nuclei at Jefferson Laboratory	\$475,000
McGeough, Emma (Animal Science)	NSERC Strategic Partnership Grants for Projects	Perennial forage grain for fall grazing of beef cattle	\$806,945
McKinnon, Lyle (Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases)	Research Manitoba	Enhancing capacity for cellular phenotyping for HIV prevention and cure research	\$155,942
McLachlan, Stephane (Environment & Geography)	NSERC PromoScience	Wa Ni Ska Tan: Collaborative education linking environmental science and Indigenous culture in First Nations and Métis communities across Manitoba, Canada	\$399,900
Miller, Donald (Pharmacology and Therapeutics)	CIHR & NSERC Collaborative Health Research Project	SSAT1 as a biomarker drug target for early detection and clinical management of glioblastoma	\$753,432
Mundy, Christopher (Centre for Earth Observation Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Physical and biological controls of primary production in the ice-influenced Canadian Arctic marine system	\$165,000
Mundy, Christopher (Centre for Earth Observation Science)	NSERC Northern Research Supplement & Ship time	Physical and biological controls of primary production in the ice-influenced Canadian Arctic marine system: Northern Research Supplement	243,000
Nusraat Masood (Engineering)	NSERC PromoScience	Lasting STEM outreach to Indigenous youth in Manitoba	\$300,900
Nyachoti, Charles (Martin) (Animal Science)	Canadian Bio-Systems Inc	Application of exogenous feed enzymes and novel feed additives to enhance nutrient utilization and improve health and performance in pigs	\$90,000
Oleszkiewicz, Jan (Civil Engineering)	NSERC Strategic Partnership Grants for Projects	Aerobic granular sludge in continuous flow reactor configuration	\$357,995

Ominski, Kimberly (Animal Science)	Mitacs Inc.	Assessment of the impact of Canadian beef production on biodiversity	\$165,000
Papakyriakou, Timothy (Centre for Earth Observation Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Air-sea exchange of CO ₂ and carbon system dynamics in Canadian subarctic waters	\$150,000
Pelka, Peter (Microbiology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Cellular functions of the hub proteins FUBP1 and DREF and their deregulation by adenovirus	\$160,000
Peng, Qingjin (Mechanical Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Tool development for bolus shaping in radiation therapy	\$30,000
Plaizier, J. C. (Kees) (Animal Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Enhancing gut health in high yielding cattle	\$275,000
Prehna, Gerd (Microbiology)	Research Manitoba	High-yield protein production suite for structural biology	\$159,028
Renault, Sylvie (Biological Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Interaction between abiotic and biotic stresses: Salinity and herbivory in woody plants	\$140,000
Safi-Harb, Samar (Physics and Astronomy)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Astrophysics of Supernova Remnants in the 2020's	\$250,000
Sirker, Jesko (Physics and Astronomy)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Many-body quantum systems out of equilibrium	\$170,000
Soderstrom, Melanie (Psychology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Factors influencing infant perception of infant-directed speech	\$33,000
Sparling, Richard (Microbiology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Relating fermentation pathways to energy conservation in lignocellulolytic clostridia and related organisms	\$250,000
Stern, Gary (Centre for Earth Observation Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Efficacy of in-situ burning as a counter measure to oil spills in Arctic ice infested waters	\$215,000
t Jong, Geert (Pediatrics and Child Health/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba)	Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM)	Quality of asthma treatment in children and adolescents (QUAST-CA)	\$58,600
Taylor, Carla (Food and Human Nutritional Sciences)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Metabolic and immune functions of zinc and lipids	\$235,000
Thulasiraman, Parimala (Computer Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Adaptive decentralized traffic forecasting for intelligent transportation	\$140,000
Tomy, Gregg (Chemistry)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Identification and environmental fate of novel halogenated polycyclic aromatic compounds in Canada's oil sands region	\$145,000

Wang, Bingchen (Mechanical Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Study of dual-jet interference and scalar mixing using direct numerical and large-eddy simulations	\$160,000
Wang, Yang (Computer Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Visual recognition beyond supervised learning	\$140,000
Wigle, Jeffrey (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Transcriptional regulation of fibroblast generation in the embryonic heart	\$160,000
Yahampath, Pradeepa (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	New signal processing techniques for next generation video compression	\$140,000
Yamashita, Michael (Surgery)	Manitoba Medical Service Foundation	Characterizing thoracic aortic disease in Manitoba: Prevalence and follow-up	\$25,000
Zahradka, Peter (Physiology & Pathophysiology)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Hormonal mechanisms of gene regulation	\$180,000
Zhu, Guozhen (Mechanical Engineering)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Deformation physics of nanoscale features in Mg alloys	\$190,000
Zvomuya, Francis (Soil Science)	NSERC Discovery Grant	Characterizing the release, dynamics and plant availability of phosphorus from recovered struvites	\$180,000

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Financial Services previously introduced a service to e-transfer refunds to students and have now enhanced this service allowing students to request the refund on-line, along with pushing notifications out to students to make them aware of refunds available. Over 92% of students are now choosing to receive their refunds electronically.
- Legal Office staff presented on Business Trust and Legal Structures for University Developments at the Canadian Association for University Solicitors conference. The presentation provided a brief overview of the reasons for/and benefit of creating a separate legal entity to develop the Southwood lands; followed by a brief explanation of the University of Manitoba's hybrid legal structure (limited partnership/trust). The focus of the presentation was to go beyond the legal underpinnings, and speak about the realities of structuring, implementing and working with the separate legal structure.
- Together with the Director of Student Advocacy, Legal Office staff presented two sessions on Conducting Fair Hearings for academic administrators that deal with student discipline issues (April 2, 2019 at Fort Garry; May 2, 2019 at Bannatyne).
- The Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage has released its report on artist remuneration for the statutory review of the Copyright Act. A second more comprehensive report from the Standing Committee on Industry, Science, and Technology is also being prepared. Relevant Heritage

Committee recommendations include that fair dealing should not apply to educational institutions where a work is commercially available, that the government should encourage a return to collective licensing (Access Copyright), and the harmonization of copyright tariff regimes. The Federal Government may reject these recommendations, however, if adopted they would necessitate changes to University of Manitoba copyright practices.

- In coordination with other initiatives related to pedestrian safety along Dafoe Road, planning efforts are underway to identify suitable pick-up/drop-off locations surrounding the core campus that will aim to reduce traffic volumes along Dafoe. With the introduction of 2-way transit service, it is necessary to reduce vehicular traffic to increase the pedestrian-and-transit-friendly character of this main campus spine. Suitable locations are being explored to bring pick-up and drop-off zones to the peripheries of core campus that can utilize the ring road network while remaining within a 2-3 minute walking distance.
- Learning & Organizational Development recently celebrated two leadership development cohorts that completed their certificate programs: May 31, saw the first participants in the University's new UM Management Fundamentals Program complete their certificate program and on June 13, the latest cohort from the UM Leaders Learning Program presented their "Presidential Pitches" to President Barnard and the Vice-Presidents proposing new ideas for ways the University might meet strategic priorities.
- On June 21, sixty staff attended a special session by the President, and Vice-Presidents presented a special offering of the "University of Manitoba Strategic Overview" to staff sharing perspectives and information on their portfolios, and providing a broad, big picture overview of the institution. This session is usually offered exclusively to new hires, Learning & Organizational Development coordinated this special session as part of the Live Well @ Work Week celebrations.
- On June 26, over 50 University employees, both support staff and faculty members, will be celebrating over 25 years of service to the University. This annual event is hosted by the President and features a banquet dinner and the presentation of Long Service Award certificates. This is the 47th year for this celebration which is organized by Learning & Organizational Development.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

- Significant gifts and activities in the last reporting period include:
 - The late Barry D. McCorquodale [BA/1951] left bequest of \$150,000 to the University of Manitoba to create a bursary in social work in honor of his late wife, Shannon L. McCorquodale [BA/1952, BSW/1953].
 - The Anders family has made a gift of \$125,000 to establish a scholarship and a bursary in nutrition in memory of Joan Anders [BScHEc/1947].
 - Allan Badner [BScCE/1954] and family have given \$100,000 to create a bursary for civil engineering students.
 - Winnipeg business and community leader Dr. Hartley T. Richardson [BComm(Hons)/1977, LD/2004], President and CEO of James Richardson and Sons Ltd., was presented with the University of Manitoba's 2019 International Distinguished Entrepreneur Award. Inspired by the award, the Hartley T. Richardson Student Support Fund was created to celebrate Dr. Richardson and his tireless contributions to the community. As a demonstration of the enormous goodwill

felt for Dr. Richardson, many of his peers and colleagues stepped forward with contributions totaling \$3.5 million, far exceeding its goal.

- Please mark your calendars for Homecoming 2019 from September 16 – 22. Many activities, events and reunions are being planned. The program and registration will be unveiled later in June. Graduation years ending with a '4' or '9' are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year.
- The Seniors Alumni Learning for Life Program fall session will launch September 12, 2019. Registration will be open the middle of June 2019, at which time we will be releasing the full program.
- The 60th anniversary of the University of Manitoba Distinguished Alumni Awards that honours graduates for their outstanding accomplishments inspiring people close to home and around the world was held on the evening Wednesday, May 8th at UMSU University Centre. It was a highly successful event featured a fireside chat question and answer component led by alumnus and CJOB radio personality, Richard Cloutier. The 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients included:
 - Lifetime Achievement – Dr. Hersh Shefrin BSc (Hons)/70
 - Professional Achievement – Marcia Nozick BA/75 MCP/88
 - Community Service – Gemma Dalayoan BEd/83 MEd/90
 - Service to the University of Manitoba – Romel Dhalla BA/99 BComm (Hons)/04
 - Outstanding Young Alumni – Lindy Norris BA/07 BComm (Hons)/09

Thank you to all Board of Governors members who attended the event!

- Nominations for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Awards opened on Monday, June 10 and close on Friday, October 18. The DAA 2020 Selection Panel will be chaired by Chancellor Anne Mahon. DAA 2020 is scheduled for May 7, 2020.
- In alliance with Pride Winnipeg, the University of Manitoba celebrated the 2SLGBTQ+ community and the diversity that thrives on its campuses May 27 to June 2 through ceremony, events and participation in one of Manitoba's largest festivals. The official University of Manitoba Pride flag-raising ceremony, held at the Bannatyne campus on May 27, was followed by a week filled with Zumba, social pub nights and a drag show featuring performers from Sunshine House. On Sunday, June 2, more than 300 members and allies of the 2SLGBTQ+ community including staff, students, faculty and alumni, proudly marched with the University of Manitoba's parade float at the 32nd annual Winnipeg Pride Parade. This is the fourth year the University of Manitoba has supported Pride Winnipeg as a Gold Level sponsor.
- The Alumni Association AGM was held on Monday, June 10th. The program included various bylaw changes to support the move to create a smaller board of directors and remove the executive committee. We also introduced an Alumni Council as a standing committee of the board of directors that will be advisory, not governing, in nature. Within the maximum composition of 55 members excluding ex-officio members, the Alumni Council consists of a diverse group of alumni with representation from all faculties, colleges and various alumni community groups founded on equity, diversity and inclusion. This group will meet three times annually and is intended to foster active communication among key alumni constituencies and stakeholders on topical issues facing the university. Various members of the university's senior leadership team may be present at these

meetings to hear from alumni. The three alumni representatives on the Board of Governors will sit on the Alumni Council.

- This was the last official alumni association meeting for Dawn Nedohin-Macek, who has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for seven years, the last two as chair. Dawn has been an amazing leader showing strong vision, commitment to increasing alumni engagement, and has given hundreds of hours of her time to the advancement of the university. Thank you very much for your tremendous service to the University of Manitoba, Dawn!
- The Next Generation Web Experience continues to move towards an Initial Site Build later this summer. Teams are currently validating content for the top-level pages and developing the technology platform.
- University of Manitoba events in May provided us with at least fifteen different opportunities to engage with federal, provincial and municipal elected officials. Each visit is an opportunity to connect decision-makers with alumni, students and faculty and to build their support for the important mandate and mission of the University of Manitoba.
- On May 31, representatives of the federal and provincial governments participated in a ribbon cutting marking the official opening of the Stanley Pauley Engineering. Funding for the facility was provided by the Government of Canada Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund (\$12.1 million), and the Province of Manitoba (\$4 million), with Front and Centre campaign donors providing the remaining costs.