

Willy Wiebe Graduate Fellowship in Agricultural and Food Sciences

Through a testamentary gift from Willy Wiebe, a farmer from the rural municipality of Rhineland in Manitoba, an endowment fund of \$450,000 was established at the University of Manitoba to support graduate fellowships in breeding and research in Canadian Western Red Spring Wheat. The first award was offered in 2005. Each year, the available annual income will be used to offer one or more fellowships, with a minimum value of \$12,000 each, to graduate students who:

- (1) are enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in a Master's or Ph.D. program offered in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences;
- (2) have achieved either:
 - (a) as a Master's student, a minimum grade point average of 3.5 based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study; or
 - (b) as a Ph.D. student, a minimum grade point average of 3.75 based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study;
- (3) demonstrate an interest in and potential for research;
- (4) have identified an advisor in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences who is willing to support a project in breeding and research in Canadian Western Red Spring Wheat.

In the event that there are no eligible students who meet the criteria above, the fellowship(s) may be offered to students who meet criteria (1)-(3), and who will be undertaking research in Canadian Western Red Spring Wheat.

Applicants will be required to submit a completed application form on or before the designated deadline date. Application forms will be made available from the Office of the Dean in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

The selection committee will have the discretion to determine the number and value of awards offered each year based on the available annual income, as outlined in the criteria above.

The fellowship can be renewed once by the same recipient in a Master's program, and twice for the same recipient in a Ph.D. program. The fellowship recipient will receive a renewal provided they are making satisfactory progress in their program. If, in the judgment of the selection committee, no applicants meet the award criteria in a given year, the award will not be made in that year.

The Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will ask the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Awards Committee to serve as the selection committee for this award.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the donor (or designate) and the University of Manitoba. All such amendments shall be in writing. In the absence of the donor (or designate), and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to consult, the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award, if because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modifications shall confirm as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

Established: October, 2004

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Senate, June 16, 2021

