

University of Manitoba Retirees Association (UMRA) Scholarship Application

Tenable in the 2026–2027 Academic Year

Complete this fillable PDF form and submit your completed application package electronically to:
nicole.dunn@umanitoba.ca .

All applications and recommendations for the UMRA Scholarship must be received by the Centre on Aging staff on or before **May 15, 2026 at 4:00 pm**. It is the student's responsibility to read the eligibility requirements and conditions of the awards and ensure that all relevant information has been submitted.

Applicant's name

UM student number

Proposal title

Applicant's submission checklist

Student application form including description of proposed research.

All academic transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended must be received by the deadline. This includes any international institutions. Applicants can provide e-copy official or unofficial transcripts in any of the following ways:

1. Transcripts emailed directly from the academic institution to nicole.dunn@umanitoba.ca. **UM transcripts can be ordered through Aurora. Select 'Centre on Aging, University of Manitoba'.**
2. Transcripts emailed to the applicant from the academic institution, and then forwarded to nicole.dunn@umanitoba.ca (please include the original email from the academic institution in the forwarded email)
3. Hard copy transcripts uploaded by the applicant and emailed to nicole.dunn@umanitoba.ca. Retain the paper copy of any uploaded transcripts, as you may be asked to provide it for verification purposes.
4. An unofficial transcript may be submitted for UM transcripts by following these instructions: umanitoba.ca/registrar/transcripts

One recommendation from your current academic advisor/supervisor to be sent directly by them to the Centre on Aging using the recommendation form for student awards adjudication by the Centre on Aging, by the deadline. Recommendations must use the recommendation form. Separate letters will no longer be accepted.

I have provided my referee with the [Recommendation form for student awards adjudicated by the Centre on Aging](#).

I have read the American Psychological Association's (APA) [guidelines for bias-free language](#) and have not used ageist language in my application. I understand that ageist language may result in my application being deemed ineligible.

I have read the section on [Grant, fellowship and scholarship applications in the Guidance on Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) use for Centre on Aging activities](#) on the Centre on Aging website and I have completed the statement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) use in this application form.

1. Name:
(Mx., Ms., Miss, Mr., Mrs. First Name Middle Name Surname)

2. Mailing Address:

(No. & Street)

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(City/Town) (Prov.) (Postal code) (Telephone)

3. *UM Email Address: _____

4. Permanent Home Address: same as #2 or address below

(No. & Street)

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(City/Town) (Prov.) (Postal code) (Telephone)

5. Are you a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident? Yes No

*Note: This competition is for an award tenable in the 2026–2027 academic year. Students **must intend to register full time** (in both Fall 2026 and Winter 2027 terms) in order to be eligible to apply for this competition.*

6. When you register for the Fall, what program (Master's or Doctoral), program year, and Faculty/Department will you be registered in?

Master's program Doctoral program

Program year entering in Fall 2026 (i.e., 2nd year Master's, 3rd year PhD): _____

Faculty/College/Department: _____

Graduate Students: Indicate what you have completed in your program:

<input type="checkbox"/> Have not started program yet	<input type="checkbox"/> Started graduate course work
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed thesis	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed candidacy exams

*As per [University of Manitoba policy](#), all University of Manitoba student applicants must use their university email account for official communication, not personal hotmail, gmail, etc. addresses.

7. List your study and/or work periods in chronological order beginning with the most recent activity.

Program or Position	School or Employer	From	To	Degree completed

8. Have you had any interruptions in your program of study (ex. maternity/paternity leave, medical leave, etc)?

Yes No If Yes, indicate length of interruption:

9. List Awards, Fellowships, or Scholarships received (include the source, dates, and amount awarded):

Award name	Funding source	Funding period		Amount awarded
		Start	End	

10. Research Experience:

[Empty box for Research Experience]

11. Papers, Publications and Presentations (list title, co-authors, where published/presented and year)

[Empty box for listing papers, publications, and presentations]

12. Have you applied for funding elsewhere? Yes No

If yes, indicate funding sources of both pending and successful applications.

Award name	Funding source	Funding period		Amount awarded
		Start	End	

13. The focus of the UMRA Student award is for a graduate student whose thesis research focuses on human aging that has the potential to enhance the lives of the aging population. How does your application align with the focus for this award?

Recommendations

ALL APPLICANTS (This recommendation makes up 10% of the evaluation)

- Ask **your current academic advisor/supervisor** to send a recommendation form electronically to: nicole.dunn@umanitoba.ca. Paper copies and separate letters will not be accepted.
- Provide each of your references with the [Recommendation form for student awards adjudicated by the Centre on Aging](#) guidelines document found on the [Centre's Web site](#).
- Indicate below the faculty member who will be forwarding a recommendation. If you have co-advisors, they count as one recommendation and will need to complete one form together. List both together on the same line below.

The referee should indicate their familiarity with the applicant's work as well as their estimation of the applicant's performance and ability to succeed in the proposed endeavour.

Name	Faculty/Department	University

Statement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) use

The Centre on Aging has [Guidance on Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) use for Centre on Aging activities](#). This guidance has a specific section for award [applications](#). Please review these guidelines prior to completing this section.

Note the difference between non-generative and generative AI.

- Non-generative AI (predictive/analytical) use, such as predictive text (e.g., Editor in Microsoft Word), is acceptable and does not need to be disclosed.
- Generative AI should not be used substantively and must be disclosed. DeepSeek is prohibited at the University of Manitoba.

Complete the following AI acknowledgement information. This statement applies to all aspects of your application including this application form and the research project description.

I have not used any generative AI tools or technologies to prepare my application for the Centre on Aging student awards.

OR

I acknowledge the use of AI in the following way to prepare my application for the Centre on Aging student awards. Complete the following information.

Name of AI tool(s) or technology(ies):

Link to tool(s) or technology(ies)

Prompt(s) used:

Describe how the AI tool was used in the preparation of application

I have reviewed all AI generated content and confirm that this application is free from bias and does not include ageist language and information.

I confirm that all writing is my own, and the sources cited are accurate and exist.

Research projects

Attach your research project in a **separate document**. See the requirements outlined below.

Aging definition

For the purposes of the student awards, the research should focus on some aspect of the human aging process or study older participants/subjects. Studying diseases as the focus, even if that disease commonly occurs in older people, might make the application ineligible for funding.

Proposed Research

Describe your proposed research in maximum of 500 words. Include:

1. Description
2. Methodology
3. Practical applicability (i.e., how the research will enhance the lives of the aging population) and relevance to aging including an indication of relevant literature.

Do not exceed 500 words. Review the *Page setup and format for project description* below for document specifications. **All applications must have a title** (not included in word count).

Page setup and format for project description

Margins:	¾ inch (2 cm)	Line spacing:	Single
Page:	8 ½ x 11 inches (21.59 x 27.94 cm)	Font:	12 points
Spacing:	No condensed type or spacing	Word limit:	500 words

- The Centre on Aging expects the use of appropriate and respectful language when describing older adults. Review the APA's [aging terminology guidelines](#) for language to include in your application submission.
- The project **MUST** have a title.
- Word count for project descriptions do not include references or title. Include your name on each page and page numbers in either the header or footer. With the exception of the reference list, **no other attachments will be accepted or reviewed**.
- Applicants must provide all requested information and ensure their applications are concise, well-written and easy to understand by anyone. All abbreviations and acronyms should be explained and jargon kept to a minimum.
- The proposal should clearly indicate the rationale and methodology for the proposed study. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of what might be reasonably expected of a candidate at their stage in graduate training.
- The research proposal should adequately reference the published literature.
No attachments (other than the reference list).