

Weir Award

The Department of Environment and Geography established an award fund in honour of Dr. Thomas R. Weir. Dr. Weir founded the Department of Geography in 1951, served as Head from 1951 to 1971, and was a Professor Emeritus. Dr. Weir passed away September 13, 1997. The purpose of the fund is to reward the academic achievements of graduate students in the Department of Environment and Geography at the University of Manitoba.

Each year, one half of the available annual income from the fund will be used to offer a convocation prize to a graduating student who:

- (1) was enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in a Master's program delivered by the Department of Environment and Geography in the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources in the year in which the award was tenable;
- (2) achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study; and
- (3) in the opinion of the selection committee, presented the most outstanding Master's thesis.

Each year, one half of the available annual income from the fund will be used to offer a convocation prize to a graduating student who:

- (1) was enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in a PhD program delivered by the Department of Environment and Geography in the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources in the year in which the award was tenable;
- (2) achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study; and
- (3) in the opinion of the selection committee, presented the most outstanding PhD thesis.

In years in which there are no outstanding theses, no awards will be offered.

Students must be nominated by their primary advisor or co-advisors for this prize. Each faculty member may nominate one student for the Master's award and one student for the PhD award, through the submission of a letter to the selection committee. Co-advisors must nominate the student together in a single letter. Nomination letters must speak to why the student's thesis is considered outstanding and worthy of the prize (including information such as: the scope and scale of the work, impact on the field, journal publications, media coverage, book or book chapters, etc.).

The Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will ask the Head of the Department of Environment and Geography to name 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 modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

Established: Senate, November 1990

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