Winnipeg Commodity Exchange Graduate Fellowship

The Winnipeg Commodity Exchange has established an endowment fund to provide a graduate fellowship at the University of Manitoba to commemorate the key economic role played by the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange in the commerce of Winnipeg and Canada, particularly the grains and oilseeds sector of western Canada.

The timing and value of the fellowship will depend on the availability of funds. In any given year that sufficient funds are available, the available interest (including any accumulated revenue) will be used to offer one fellowship, with a minimum value of $12,000, to a graduate student who:

1. is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (i.e., landed immigrant);
2. is enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba;
3. has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.4 based on the last two years of full time study (both undergraduate and graduate courses may be included);
4. is carrying out research regarding futures markets, risk management or commodity marketing in Canada and normally is following the thesis option.

Selection will be based on academic achievement recognizing grade point average as well as the degree of difficulty and the relevance of courses to the field of studies. Selection will also take into consideration the research proposal, other available funding and the proposal’s applicability to commodity futures, risk management or commodity marketing in Canada. Preference will be given to applicants who are entering the M.Sc. program; however, applications from students already enrolled will be considered.

The recipient will be honored with the title of Winnipeg Commodity Exchange Fellow.

The fellowship is tenable for one year only, payable quarterly conditional on maintenance of a GPA of 3.4. In special circumstances, the selection committee will have the discretion to award a partial fellowship or to divide the available interest and offer a second partial fellowship. In this case, the full honor of being designated as the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange Fellow will still be accorded.

The annual value of the fellowship will be annually reviewed and determined by the selection committee.

The selection committee will be named by the Head of the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics and will include three to five individuals (i.e., the Department Head, a department member carrying out research in the designated areas and a member in high standing of the commodity sector, a member of the grain trade).

The selection committee, in consultation with the donor (if available), has the right to recommend modifications to the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modifications shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the fellowship.

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