

# Department of Community Health Sciences

## University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship Application 2017-2018

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Please submit applications electronically to:

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## University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowships (UMGF)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies offers more than \$2 million dollars in University Graduate Fellowships each year to full time graduate students (Master's and Ph.D.) to recognize academic excellence. It is given to students who have demonstrated superior intellectual ability and academic accomplishment. Students must be recommended by their department/unit to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Only students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 (above B+) over the last 60 credit hours of study or equivalent may be recommended. Competition for the UMGF is strong each year, and there are always many more applicants than there are available awards.

### 1. Value

Value for a 12-month period:

Ph.D.	\$18,000.00
Master's	\$14,000.00

### 2. Eligibility

- **Academic standing:** Students with a minimum GPA of 3.75 (above B+) in the last 60 credit hours or equivalent at a recognized university based on a Bachelor, Master's, Graduate Diploma or a Doctoral degree. GPA is calculated using the Faculty of Graduate Studies admissions criteria.
- **Citizenship:** All students regardless of citizenship are eligible to apply.
- **Years of graduate study:** Below is a table outlining the duration of the award based on the number of months completed in a graduate program as of September 2017.

#### Master's Students

Number of months completed as a Master's student	Number of months eligible to receive the UMGF
0-4 months	24 months of funding
5 – 16 months	12 months of funding
Completed more than 16 months	Not eligible

#### PhD Students

Number of months completed as a PhD student	Number of months eligible to receive the UMGF
0-4 months	48 months of funding
5-16 months	36 months of funding
17-28 months	24 months of funding
29-40 months	12 months of funding
Completed more than 40 months	Not eligible

Please refer to the Award Holder's guide for more detailed eligibility criteria. The Award Holder's Guide can be found

at [http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate\\_studies/media/UMGF\\_Award\\_Holders\\_Guide.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/media/UMGF_Award_Holders_Guide.pdf)

### 3. Funding Conditions

- Students must apply for and accept (if offered) National Scholarships for which they are eligible, at every possible competition, in order to continue receiving a UMGF beyond the first year. Some of these National Awards are NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council), SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council), and CIHR (Canadian Institutes for Health Research). Research Manitoba is another agency to which eligible students must apply. If UMGF recipients who are eligible for a National Award or for Research Manitoba do not apply, the University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship shall not be renewed.
- Award holders are expected to devote the majority of their time to the expeditious completion of their degree program. As a guideline in this context, the Faculty of Graduate Studies limits the number of hours of employment per 12-month period to 720 hours (within the university and outside the university).
- Students offered an external award that is equal to or exceeds the value of the UMGF may not hold the award.
- Students may not work as a full-time employee at any time during tenure of the scholarship.

See The Award Holder's Guide for further funding

conditions [http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate\\_studies/media/UMGF\\_Award\\_Holders\\_Guide.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/media/UMGF_Award_Holders_Guide.pdf)

### 4. Assessment Criteria

Applications will be evaluated considering the following criteria:

- **Academic excellence:** Academic record;
- **Research ability or potential:** Potential of the applicant including their education, and training (based on reference letters, publications, etc.) and the ability of the applicant to successfully complete the project;
- **The quality of the proposed research project:** The importance and originality of the research problem and the information sought, the adequacy of the research design, feasibility, and promise of the methods proposed.

### 5. Application Materials

The following information must be submitted:

- a) UMGF Application form - UMGF applications are in line with the format of Research Manitoba.
  - **If you have applied to Research Manitoba in 2017, you may submit the same application to apply for a UMGF.** In that case, download the pdf of the application form, including your 3-page research project description, and submit it along with all other required materials as specified below.

- **If you have NOT applied to Research Manitoba in 2017**, complete the CHS UMGF Application Form, including your 3-page research project description, and submit it along with all other required materials as specified below.
- b) CV – submit a completed CCV <https://ccv-cvc.ca/>
- Complete your common CV on <https://ccv-cvc.ca/> as if you were to apply to Research Manitoba.
  - Validate and submit the document, then download the CV and submit the pdf file along with all the other documents.
- c) 3 letters of reference
- Each candidate must arrange to have **three** individuals agree to provide supporting letters for their application. Content: These letters should speak to the applicant’s academic accomplishments and aptitude for research.
  - Letters of reference must be sent directly to [Theresa.Kennedy@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Theresa.Kennedy@umanitoba.ca).
  - Letters must be received by March 31, 2017.
- d) Transcripts - the candidate’s complete academic record to date, INCLUDING transcripts of all
- undergraduate studies;
  - graduate studies, and;
  - any studies that are in progress (even where no grades have so far been given for the current coursework).
  - Photocopies and/or unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

## 6. Deadlines and Submission Information

- Applications must be submitted electronically (via e-mail) to Theresa Kennedy [Theresa.Kennedy@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Theresa.Kennedy@umanitoba.ca)
- The deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m., March 31, 2017.
- Letters of reference must be emailed by referees to Theresa Kennedy. They must be received by 4:30 p.m., March 31, 2017.
- **Late submissions will not be accepted.**