

FACULTY of GRADUATE STUDIES COVID-19 UPDATES - Nov. 5, 2020- REVISED

You are encouraged to visit the [COVID-19 International Student Supports](#) website often for the most current information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STUDY PERMITS

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has updated its information on applications for student study permits here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html>

Students from outside of Canada who wish to study at the University of Manitoba will require a study permit and student visa prior to entry to Canada. Until recently, only students who had obtained a study permit prior to March 18, 2020, were eligible to enter Canada to pursue their studies. The IRCC update notes that study permit applications are now being considered provided they: 1) were submitted by September 15, 2020; and 2) are for programs that start, or started, in spring, summer or fall 2020. Thus, it appears that additional study permit applications are being processed by the Canadian government, subject to these limitations. It remains unclear if and when further applications may be considered; however, it may be advantageous to start the application process sooner rather than later, since further applications may be considered with little advanced notice. Note that the application processes for study permits and student visas may have to be done concurrently and according to separate processes – prospective students are advised to carefully read the information available at the IRCC website, particularly as it applies to their individual country. Admission to the University of Manitoba does not guarantee that a student will be able to obtain a study permit or student visa.

QUARANTINE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO TRAVEL TO CANADA

The University of Manitoba has been included on the Government of Canada's list of Designated Learning Institutions (DLI) with an approved COVID-19 [readiness plan](#).^{*} Incoming international students must be enrolled at an approved DLI to enter the country, as outlined on the [Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship website](#). The University of Manitoba's comprehensive plan, developed by the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International), includes transportation from the airport to a hotel where the student will stay for the entirety of their 14-day quarantine period, as well as 3 meals per day and daily check-ins for the duration of their stay. The cost of the plan will be shared between the University and the student. Family members may be able to accompany the student, but they would not be covered by the University's plan.

Students who have been admitted and are registered for the fall 2020 and winter 2021 terms have been asked to confirm whether they plan on coming to Canada. Students that are eligible for travel to Winnipeg to commence/resume their studies and have not received information **must contact** studentarrival@umanitoba.ca to coordinate travel plans and quarantine accommodations.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

Students who do not have a Social Insurance Number cannot receive employment payments.

Stipends and fellowships, including UMGF and GETS funding, can be applied to students' tuition accounts; awards will be prorated to 4 months once per academic term. Students with a credit left on their account after the award is applied, may request the balance as a [refund](#). Students must make this request directly as outlined in the process.

If the financial support involves UMGF or GETS, the department must submit the forms for GETS and UMGF to Graduate.Awards@umanitoba.ca for processing and submission to Human Resources. Once processed and tuition fees deducted, students may request the balance of the award as a refund via the process outlined at this [link](#).

Students do not need to have a Canadian bank account to be eligible for this interim solution. Alternatively, students may opt to keep the excess funds in their tuition account to apply to future terms.

^{*}For most accurate and up to date information please contact studentarrival@umanitoba.ca