

Welcome to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, your “Home Away From Home”

On behalf of everyone at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, commonly known as FGS, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you. The prior year has been one of immense challenge for everyone while the world has been working to address the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hopeful that the 2021-22 school year will bring new hope and less uncertainty. With all of the challenges that have faced us over the past year, we treasure the lessons we have learned, and the innovations society has created in response to the pandemic.

You are part of several new communities now, the University of Manitoba community, the FGS community, your department community and the graduate student community. Even if you are still studying abroad for part of the year, each of these communities has lessons and experiences to be gained as part of your graduate program. The university community has several supports and resources available to help you in your program including the [International Centre](#), [Indigenous Graduate Student Support](#) and [UM Student Supports](#).

FGS endeavors to be your “home away from home”. Our main responsibility is to oversee all of the University of Manitoba’s 145 and counting graduate programs. Consequently, we have the privilege of getting to know more than 3,700 graduate students in our Faculty. We take pride in ensuring the excellence of our graduate programs, and we seek to promote an educational environment that breeds success. For example, in 2020-2021, FGS provided over 13M dollars in direct financial support and this, coupled with additional awards external to the University, allowed our outstanding graduate students to achieve local, national and international recognition. The [3MT and MT180 competitions](#) are a wonderful showcase of the diversity of our graduate student body and the research being done as part of their graduate education. The FGS website features several student profiles of our graduate students and I would encourage you to view them to see the groundbreaking work being done. The [Graduate Career Compass](#) highlights some of our graduate student alumni and this is another great place to learn different ways students have applied their graduate programs to their current employment. We encourage you to connect with FGS directly, or through your University of Manitoba Graduate Student’s Association ([UMGSA](#)) or Health Sciences Graduate Students’ Association ([HSGSA](#)), to ensure that your voice is heard.

For those that are new to graduate studies, FGS is located at 500 University Centre. Whether in-person or virtually, our reception team will be happy to answer your initial enquiries and guide you to appropriate resources. Our [admissions team](#) processes all online applications submitted. Graduate program requirements are detailed in your [Graduate Studies Supplemental Regulations](#), and these will guide you as you advance through your program. Our team of graduate student [program assistants](#) track your progress, and assist you in any changes that might affect the timely completion of your degree requirements. To promote success, keep a look out for FGS Upcoming “Awards and Other Opportunities” emailed to you weekly from our [awards team](#). They are also available to answer your questions, and to process your applications and awards. Our [communications team](#) will assist you with your online experience and disseminate timely notices, reminders, and resources. Finally, your academic and professional development is important to us; we encourage you to take advantage of [GradSteps](#).

Over the next few years while you are pursuing your graduate education, I hope you are excited by the new learning environment you are in and wish you the best in completing your graduate education as the next step towards your career!



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