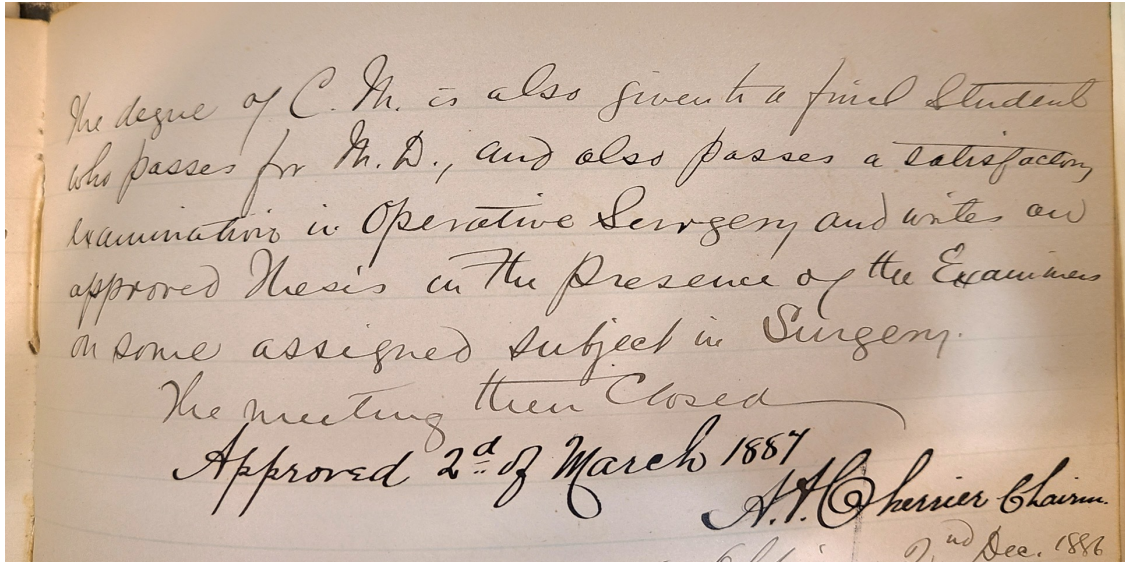




Historical  
timeline  
leading to the  
creation of the  
**Faculty of  
Graduate  
Studies**  
and to present  
times



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Graduate Studies



Motion from the 1887 minutes of the University General Faculty Council (later renamed Senate) showing the requirements of the Master of Surgery (C.M. or Magister Chirurgiae)

## 1892

Earliest UM Convocation Order of Proceedings on record showing graduates of the **Master of Arts** and **Master of Surgery**.

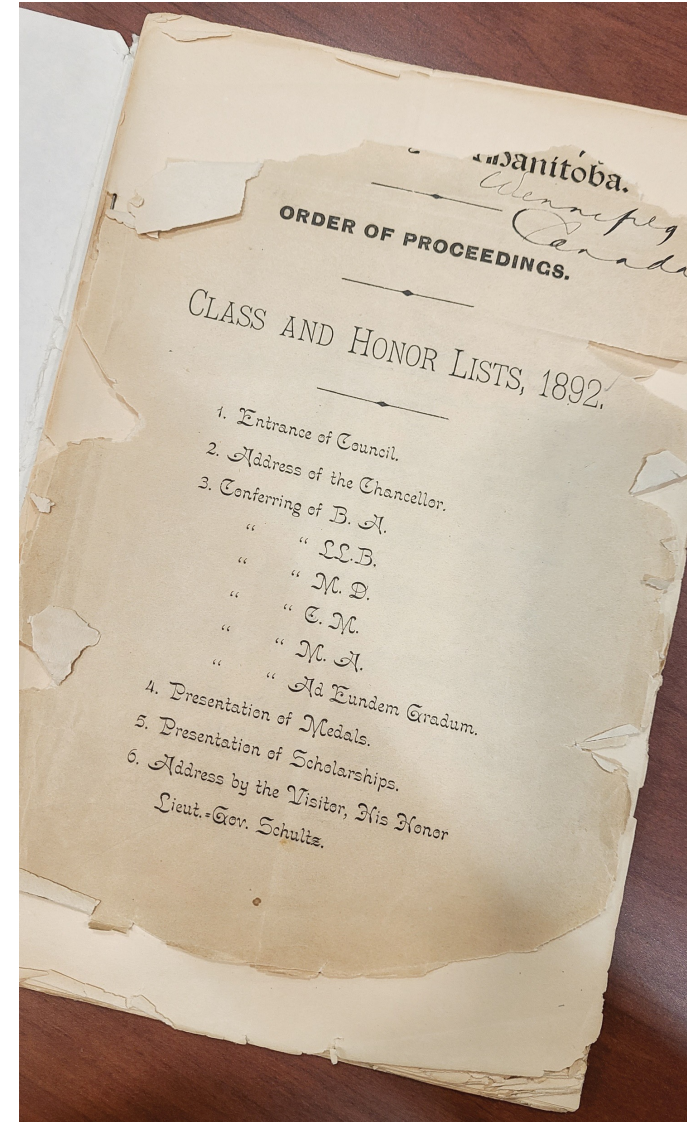
The Master of Arts encompassed a variety of disciplines including Arts, Science, Agriculture, Music, etc.

## 1902

First time **thesis titles** are listed in the Convocation Order of Proceedings

## 1913

University General Faculty Council minutes state that the Registrar asks to destroy several M.A. theses due to “lack of room in the vault.” The council motions that theses be housed in the Library and that uniform sheet and binding rules be developed





**1914**

First degree of **Master of Civil Engineering** awarded to Charles Sydney Clapp Landon  
Thesis: Sheet Asphalt Pavement Construction

**1922**

Creation of a **Committee on Post-Graduate Studies** of the University General Faculty Council

**1922**

First graduates of the **Master of Science**: Ivan McHaffie (Chemistry) and Irene Mounce (Botany)

**1922**

Prof. Chester Martin, first Chair of the Committee on Post-Graduate Studies, presents graduate degrees at convocation

**1927**

The University Council approves the degree of **Doctor of Philosophy** on April 27<sup>th</sup>

**1928**

First Doctor of Philosophy awarded to **William Fielding Hanna**  
Major: Mycology (scientific study of fungi)  
Degree presented by Prof. A. H. Reginald Buller (one of the original six professors of The University of Manitoba)

**1931**

Total fee for the examination and the degree of Ph.D. increases from \$50 to \$100

**1931**

First female Ph.D. graduate  
**Eleanor Silver Dowding**  
Major: Mycology

“Dr. Dowding was one of the first women to teach science at a Canadian University and she established the first medical mycology laboratory in the British Commonwealth”

(source: [Spotlight on UAlberta trailblazer: Eleanor Silver Dowding | Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry](#))



**1935**

First **Master of Architecture**  
awarded to Alexander Matheson  
Thesis: The Design of a Public  
Library for the City of Winnipeg to  
be Located on Osborne St. and  
York Ave. Extended

**1936**

First graduates of the **Master of Education**:  
John E. L. Lysecki, George M. Neufeld,  
Leslie George M. Robinson, and  
William H. Waite

**1937**

Committee on Post-Graduate Studies renamed **Committee on Graduate Studies**

**1943**

First time it is formally stated in regulations that an advisor—then called a “sponsor”—is to exercise general direction over all of a student’s work for a graduate degree

**1943**

Formally stated in regulations that every graduate student is required to have reading knowledge of an additional language (usually French or German, or another approved language)





**1943**

The Vice-Chancellor states in a Senate meeting that graduate studies has had an “anomalous position” at the University and that thought is being given to creating a Faculty of Graduate Studies

**1947**

First time Graduate degrees appear before Undergraduate degrees in the Convocation Ceremony Order of Proceedings



## 1949

The **Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research** is formed to systemize graduate study and research.

While the development and teaching of graduate programs remains primarily the responsibility of the departments within the university, the Faculty of Graduate Studies establishes common standards and is responsible for their administration. As such, the Faculty admits all graduate students, monitors their progress, and authorizes all graduate degrees.



**William Howard McEwen**  
1948-1964 First Dean

Dr. McEwen received a B.Sc. from the University of Saskatchewan in 1921 and obtained an M.Sc. the following year. He furthered his education by receiving an M.A. in 1924 and Ph.D. in 1930 from the University of Manitoba. From 1925-1929 Dr. McEwen taught at Regina College, and in 1930 he joined the Mount Allison University as an assistant professor of Mathematics. By 1933 he was full professor and head of the department. Dr. McEwen was welcomed to the University of Manitoba in 1946 as Head of the Department of Mathematics, and in 1948 was made Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.



**1953**

First **Master of Laws** awarded to Roy Joseph Matas  
Thesis: Parliament, the Law, and Freedom

**1954**

First **Master of Social Work** awarded to Polly Kay and Warner M. L. Sanderman

**1958**

First **Master of Architecture (Community Planning)** awarded to Norman Metz and Stanley Osaka.

Community Planning was also awarded as an M.Sc. degree (1959) and later as a Diploma in City Planning (1965) and finally a Master of City Planning (1967)



**B. Lionel Funt**  
1964-1967 Second Dean

Dr. Funt was educated in Nova Scotia and received his B.A. and M.Sc. in Chemistry from Dalhousie University. He later obtained a Ph.D. at McGill University. Dr. Funt came to the University of Manitoba in 1950 as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry, and in 1959 was promoted to professor. In 1964 Dr. Funt took over as Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. He later left the University of Manitoba to accept the position of Dean of Science at Simon Fraser University.

**1964**

Enrolment in Graduate Studies  
reaches 1000 students

**1965**

Faculty of Graduate Studies and  
Research office expanded to include a  
Supervisor of Student Programs and  
Secretary to the Dean

**1968**

The Graduate Students' Society (later  
renamed the Graduate Students'  
Association) becomes part of the  
University of Manitoba Student Union  
(UMSU)



**Robert (Robin) Dickson  
Connor**  
1968 Acting Dean

Dr. Connor was born and educated in Edinburgh, Scotland receiving his B.Sc. in 1942. That same year, Dr. Connor was called to the Royal Air Force and performed radar work under the Technical Branch for the next four years. In 1946 Dr. Connor returned to Edinburgh University to complete his Ph.D. in Physics in 1949. Dr. Connor lectured at his alma mater until 1957 when greener pastures paved the way for a faculty position in the Department of Physics at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Connor's career at UM continued to flourish as he was made Professor in 1960, Associate Dean of Arts & Science from 1963-68, Acting Dean of Graduate Studies in 1968, and the first Dean of Science in 1970 when Arts and Science were split into two separate faculties. Dr. Connor received the honor of Dean Emeritus in 1985 and retired in 1988. In 1996 he was honored again with the title of Professor Emeritus.



**J. Clay Gilson**  
1968-1971 Third Dean

Dr. Gilson earned his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Manitoba and continued on to receive a Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Dr. Gilson joined the staff at The University of Manitoba in 1954 where he became professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management. In 1968 Dr. Gilson was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.



**1970**

First **Master of Business Administration** graduates  
(class of 16 graduates!)

**1970**

First **Associate Dean** position in  
the Faculty of Graduate Studies.  
FGS only adds a second Associate  
Dean position in 1991

**1971**

First **Master of Natural Resources  
Management** graduates

**1971**

**Graduate Diploma in Periodontics**  
implemented, which later becomes an  
M.Sc.

In 2022, all graduate clinical dental  
programs are converted to Master of  
Dentistry degrees



**Benjamin J. Hogg**  
1971-1972 Acting Dean

Dr. Hogg obtained his B.Sc. in Physics from the University of Manitoba in 1946. He was instrumental in assisting Dr. Harry Duckworth, a faculty member of the same department, receive and install a large mass spectrometer at the time. When Dr. Duckworth accepted a position at Wesleyan University in Connecticut the same year, Dr. Hogg followed him to the same institution where he completed his M.A. a year later under the supervision of Dr. Duckworth. After a period of research at Harvard University and with the Defense Research Board, Dr. Hogg completed his Ph.D. at McMaster University in 1953. He continued with post-doctoral studies at McMaster until accepting a teaching position at the Royal Military College in Kingston for three years. It was in 1957 that Dr. Hogg returned to his native Winnipeg as a faculty member in Physics at the University of Manitoba. He soon escalated to Associate Dean and then Acting Dean of Graduate Studies from 1967-72. In 1972 Dr. Hogg left to become the Vice-President (Academic) of the University of Winnipeg, where his mentor, Harry Duckworth, was president.



**Sidney Standil**  
1973-1979 Fourth Dean

Originally from Winnipeg, Dr. Standil earned his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from Queen's University in 1948 and 1949, respectively, and his doctoral degree from the University of Manitoba in 1951. Initially appointed lecturer in 1949, Dr. Standil spent the remainder of this professional career in the Department of Physics at Manitoba, earning promotions and focusing his research on Nuclear and Cosmic Ray Physics. He became Dean of Graduate Studies in 1973.



**1973**

First **Graduate Diplomas in Engineering (Civil) and (Electrical)** awarded; these diplomas become graduate degrees in a few years

**1975**

First **Master of Landscape Architecture** awarded to Robert C. Milliken

**1976**

First **Master of Engineering** graduates all with the major Civil Engineering



**Marion S. Aftanas**  
1978 Acting Dean

Dr. Aftanas received a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Manitoba in 1961 and 1963, respectively, and proceeded to earn his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Alberta in 1966. His research interests have centered on the theoretical and practical issues related to the assessment and measurement of behaviour. While a member of the Department of Psychology from 1965-1998, Dr. Aftanas' career was marked with professional and academic achievements. He served as President of the Manitoba Psychological Society in the late '60s and was the founding Chairman of the Inter-University Public Schools Research Committee. He also served with the Canadian and American Psychological Associations and the Professional Advisory Group of the Manitoba Mental Health Research Foundation. In 1974 Dr. Aftanas was appointed Associate Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies until 1978 when he took over as Acting Dean. He subsequently assumed the position of Associate Head in his home department until 1983.



**1979**

**Master of Public Affairs** (renamed Master of Public Administration in 1990) and **Graduate Diploma in Oral Surgery** are implemented

**1980**

**Master of Nursing** and **Master of Physical Education** are implemented



**Richard A. Lebrun**  
1980 Acting Dean

Dr. Lebrun obtained his B.A. from St. John's University (Minnesota) in 1953 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1957 and 1963, respectively. Dr. Lebrun specialized in the areas of Modern European, French, and Catholic history, and French intellectual history of the 18th and 19th centuries. Commencing his career at the University of Ottawa, Dr. Lebrun soon found his way to the University of Manitoba where he excelled to the position of Associate Head of the Department of History. By 1972 Dr. Lebrun was made full Professor and also Acting Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, after having served as Associated Dean of the Faculty for a year. Dr. Lebrun spent his professional time on many historical associations alongside his career in academia. In 1990, Dr. Lebrun earned the very prominent position of Rector of St. Paul's College at The University of Manitoba.



**Terrence (Terry) P. Hogan**  
1980-1982 Fifth Dean

Dr. Hogan obtained a B.A. from Loras College (Iowa) and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America. Prior to his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in 1980, Dr. Hogan served as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts (1977). Dr. Hogan commenced his career at the University of Manitoba in 1969 as a member of the Department of Psychology, and shortly thereafter held the positions of Director of the Psychological Services Centre and Director of the Clinical Psychology Training Program. In 1983, Dr. Hogan received the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Profession. Subsequent to his term as Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Hogan was appointed Associate Vice-President (Academic) and International Liaison Officer. In 1991, he was the Vice President for Research and External Programs until being appointed as Associate Dean of the I. H. Asper School of Business.





**Marion Vaisey-Genser**  
1982-1983 Acting Dean

Prof. Vaisey-Genser received a B.Sc. in Home Economics from The University of Manitoba and an M.Sc. in Nutrition from McGill University. Her research interests laid in the sensory properties of foods. Prior to commencing her teaching position in the Department of Foods and Nutrition (now Human Nutritional Sciences) at the University of Manitoba in 1965, Prof. Vaisey-Genser was the Head of Food Acceptance at the Defense Research Medical Laboratories in Toronto, a lecturer and dietician at Mount St. Vincent College (Halifax), and a lecturer at Oregon State College. Prof. Vaisey-Genser rapidly advanced to full Professor in 1974 and department head soon thereafter. She then excelled to Associate and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and finally Associate Vice-President (Research) from 1983-1991. Shortly before her retirement in 1993, Prof. Vaisey-Genser was appointed Professor Emeritus.



**1983**

The **Maitrise en Éducation**, the first graduate program housed at the Université de Saint-Boniface, is implemented

**1988**

Graduate student enrollment reaches 3,500 students



**Kenneth Hughes**  
1983-1997 Sixth Dean

Dr. Hughes obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Manitoba and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, becoming a specialist in physiology and behavior. Dr. Hughes held many administrative positions after commencing his career at the University of Manitoba in 1961, including Acting Head of the Department of Physiology, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Medicine, Provost for five years within the Office of the Vice-President (Academic), and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Hughes was the longest running Dean of Graduate Studies since William McEwan, serving a total of 14 years in the Faculty.



**1994**

Senate approves the **Maîtrise es Arts en Études canadiennes** (re-named **Études canadiennes et interculturelles** in 2020), the second graduate program housed at the Université de Saint-Boniface

**1996**

The **Master of Interior Design** is implemented

**1998**

The **Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)** is implemented



**Wendy J. Dahlgren**  
1997-1998 Acting Dean

Dr. Dahlgren graduated from the University of Alberta with a bachelor's and a master's degree in Physical Education & Exercise, and later from the University of Manitoba with a Ph.D. in Medical Anatomy. Dr. Dahlgren was a strong advocate of regular physical activity. She became a faculty member of the University of Manitoba in 1966 and during her career served as Associate Dean of Physical Education and Recreation Studies and Acting and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Apart from her university work, Dr. Dahlgren was the president of the Women's Health Research Foundation of Canada, chair of the President's Council and Executive Committee of the Assembly of Canadian Special Olympics, President of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Vice-Chair of the Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute, and President of Manitoba Special Olympics. For four years Dr. Dahlgren was writer and researcher for the CBC television fitness show "Body Talk".



**Fernando de Toro**  
1998-2002 Seventh Dean

Dr. de Toro obtained his B.A. from Carleton University in 1972, and his M.A. from the same institution two years later. His specialty was in Spanish and Spanish American Literature, having practical knowledge of English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Italian languages. In 1980, Dr. de Toro graduated with a Ph.D. from the University of Montreal. Thereafter, post-doctoral studies awaited him at the Institut d'Etudes Théâtrales at The University of Paris III in the area of Theatre Semiotics (the study of signs). Dr. de Toro's academic career saw positions at many eastern Canadian universities until 1998 when he arrived at the University of Manitoba to assume the Deanship in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Subsequent to his term, he lectured at universities in Ukraine, Mexico, and Argentina and ultimately returned to the Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media at The University of Manitoba.



**Anthony Silvio Secco**  
2002-2004 Eighth Dean

Dr. Secco earned his B.Sc. honours from St. Francis Xavier University, and after a summer working with the National Research Council in Ottawa, embarked on a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of British Columbia, which he obtained in 1982. He took a post-doctoral position at the University of Pennsylvania thereafter, but in 1984 could not pass up an opportunity to accept a faculty position as an x-ray crystallographer at the University of Manitoba, a fairly rare position for which he was well trained and keen. After completing a sabbatical year split between NRC in Ottawa and Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Dr. Secco returned to the University of Manitoba in 1994 and took on the position of Associate Head in the Department of Chemistry. He continued to become actively involved in University Senate by 1996 and in 1998 was appointed Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, later Acting Dean for one year, and Dean in 2002. His term ended prematurely, however, when he was offered the position of Vice-President (Academic) at the University of Cape Breton in his home province of Nova Scotia.



**2001**

The **Master of Music** is implemented

**2003**

The **Master of Occupational Therapy** is implemented to replace the Bachelor of Medical Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy

**2003**

The **Master of Arts** and **Master of Science in Disability Studies** are implemented





**Donald D. Smyth**  
2005 Acting Dean

Dr. Smyth earned his B.Sc. (Hons.) and Ph.D. (1982) in the area of Pharmacology and Internal Medicine from the University of Manitoba, and subsequently pursued postdoctoral studies at the University of Texas in Dallas. Dr. Smyth's academic and professional appointments are great in number and include scientific and scholarly work with the Medical Research Council of Canada, Heart Foundation of Canada, and Manitoba Health Research Council. Dr. Smyth has received numerous large research grants from organizations such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and in 1989 was awarded the prestigious Rh Award for Outstanding Contributions to Scholarship & Research in the Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. In 2003, Dr. Smyth was appointed Associate Dean (Academic) in the Faculty of Graduate Studies prior to becoming Acting Dean for one year.



**John (Jay) Doering**  
2005-2016 Ninth Dean

Dr. Doering completed his B.Sc. (Civil Engineering) with a focus on fluid mechanics at Queen's University in 1984 and subsequently received a rare and prestigious NSERC 1967 scholarship which permitted him the opportunity to proceed straight to his Ph.D. and pursue studies in physical oceanography at Dalhousie University. After graduating in 1988, Dr. Doering was awarded an NSERC Visiting Fellowship at the National Water Research Institute and then joined the faculty at McMaster University in 1991. In 1993, Dr. Doering was drawn to an opening in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba where he successfully completed a project to refurbish an ailing hydraulics lab. When the "Flood of the Century" hit southern Manitoba in '97, Dr. Doering was instrumental in working with the Manitoba Floodway Authority and served on the expansion project committee years later. Dr. Doering was appointed Head of Civil Engineering in 2001, served as third longest Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and in 2016 held the position of Associate Vice-President (Partnerships) until his retirement.



**2006**

The **Ph.D. in Design & Planning**,  
**Master of Public Health**, and  
**Ph.D. in Peace & Conflict Studies**  
are implemented

**2007**

The **Ph.D. in Applied Health  
Sciences** is implemented

**2008**

The **Master of Physician  
Assistant Studies** is implemented



**2010**

The **Master of Fine Art, Joint Master's Program in Peace & Conflict Studies** and **Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies** are implemented

**2011**

The **Master of Dentistry in Pediatric Dentistry** is implemented

**2012**

The **M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, Ph.D. in Nursing**, and the **Master of Physical Therapy** are implemented



**Todd A. Mondor**  
2016 Acting Dean  
2017-2019 Tenth Dean

A highly collaborative administrator and researcher committed to student success, Dr. Mondor received his PhD in cognition/perception in 1992 from the University of Waterloo. Prior to joining the University of Manitoba in 1999, he was a tenured Associate Professor at Mount Allison University. He was appointed Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of Graduate Studies in 2017. While serving as Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Mondor restructured the Associate Dean portfolios to support innovation and development, worked to create a sustainable financial plan for graduate student support, co-led a process to craft a new strategic enrolment plan and introduced several recognition initiatives for support staff, faculty and staff. Dr. Mondor became the tenth President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg in April 2022.



**2016**

The **Master of Social Work in Indigenous Knowledges** is implemented

**2017**

The **Master of Science in Genetic Counselling** and **Master of Finance** are implemented

**2019**

The **Master of Human Rights** and **Master of Dentistry in Prosthodontics** are implemented



**Louise R. Simard**  
2019-2020 Acting Dean

In 2018, Dr. Simard joined the Faculty of Graduate Studies as an Associate Dean. Prior to this, Dr. Simard served in the role of Head of the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics for twelve years and was instrumental in the development of a new M.Sc. Genetic Counselling Program. Dr. Simard is and has always been very generous with her time, dedicated to service within her home faculty, graduate studies and the broader university. Notably, she has served on Senate, and several Faculty of Graduate Studies Committees including Appeals, Programs and Guidelines, Executive, Master's and Doctoral Awards for Indigenous Students Selection and Student Achievement Awards. Dr. Simard led the Faculty of Graduate Studies through the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and retired to her home city of Montreal in 2021.



**Kelley Main**  
2021-2023 Acting Dean  
2023-present Eleventh Dean

Dr. Main received a B.A. (Hons.) in Psychology from the University of Winnipeg, an M.A. in Psychology from the University of Manitoba and a Ph.D. in Business Administration with a specialization in Marketing from UBC. Dr. Main held a position at the Schulich School of Business, York University, for 3 years prior to joining the I. H. Asper School of Business in 2007. She subsequently became Head of the Department of Marketing for 5 years. Dr. Main's research is in the area of consumer behaviour and has been recognized with the Park Prize for Outstanding Contribution to the Journal of Consumer Psychology (2010) and the Journal of Consumer Psychology Young Contributor Award (2007). She is currently on the editorial boards of the Journal of Consumer Psychology and the Journal of Public Policy and Marketing. She was an Associate Editor of the Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences Marketing Division for 8 years. In 2012, Dr. Main won the University of Manitoba Graduate Student's Association Teaching Award. Dr. Main served as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies from 2019 until she was appointed Acting Dean in 2021 and Dean in 2023.



**2021**


Senate approves the development of **Graduate Micro-Diplomas**: short, flexible programs of study focused on core knowledge in a field or interdisciplinary field-of-study that may be stand alone or embedded in a graduate degree

**2021**

The **Master of Supply Chain Management and Logistics** is implemented

**2022**

The **Master of Arts in Music Research** is implemented



**2023**

Several programs are implemented:

**Master of Arts in Art &  
Architectural History**

**Master of Applied Human Nutrition**

**M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Pediatrics &  
Child Health**

**Ph.D. in Pathology & Laboratory  
Medicine**

**Graduate Micro-Diploma in Science  
Communication**

# 75 Fun Facts



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Faculty of  
Graduate Studies

# #1



The Faculty of Graduate Studies offers 51 doctoral programs, 98 Master's programs, and 1 micro-diploma program.

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# #2



The original budget of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in 1949 was \$500.

That budget has grown to over \$17,500,000 in 2023/24.

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# #3



The office of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was originally housed in the Tier Building. FGS moved into University Centre shortly after the building was opened in 1969.



# #4



The idea of an M.A. in Art & Architectural History was floated some 50 years ago by Pat Bovey, former Canadian Senator, and former curator at the WAG in the 1970s. The program finally came to fruition at the University of Manitoba in Fall 2023.

# #5



The M.A. and M.Sc. in Disability Studies represent one of the few interdisciplinary Master's programs at the University which celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023.

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# #6



The Master of Dentistry in Prosthodontics is the newest of only three such programs across Canada.

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# #7



The Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences started with 4 participating units (Rehabilitation Sciences, Kinesiology & Recreation Management, Nursing and Human Ecology); only the first two remain. However, the multi-disciplinary nature of the program still fosters inter-disciplinary thinking and collaborative research.



# #8



2023-24 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) program.

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# #9



The Department of Oral Biology was the first of its kind in North America to offer M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees.

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# #10



The M.A. and M.Sc. in Kinesiology & Recreation Management (originally proposed as a degree in Physical Education) celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024.

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# #11



The Department of Community Health Sciences has the largest graduate program in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences (Master's and Ph.D. students combined), followed closely by the College of Nursing. (Fall 2022 OIA)

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# #12



The Department of Occupational Therapy has the largest number of Master's students in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, followed closely by the Department of Physical Therapy. (Fall 2022 OIA)

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# #13



The Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering has the largest graduate program at The University of Manitoba, Master's and Ph.D. students combined. (Fall 2022 OIA)

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# #14



The Master of Business Administration is the largest Master's program at The University of Manitoba, full and part time students included, totaling 232 students in Fall 2023. (OIA)

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# #15



In Fall 2022 term, there were 98 Joint Master's Program students in the four programs shared by the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg (History, Religion, Public Administration and Peace & Conflict Studies). (OIA)



# #16



The Department of Anthropology follows the Department of Psychology with the highest number of Ph.D. students in the Faculty of Arts. History follows Psychology with the highest number of Master's students. (Fall 2022 OIA)

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# #17



Following closely behind Electrical & Computer Engineering, the Faculty of Education, Department of Psychology and Department of Physics & Astronomy have the highest number of Ph.D. students. (Fall 2022 OIA)

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# #18



History Ph.D. graduate, James Daschuk's 'Clearing the Plains: Disease, Politics of Starvation and the Loss of Aboriginal Life' (2013), based on his Ph.D. dissertation, was awarded the Governor General's History Award for Scholarly Researching 2014.

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# #19



The Ph.D. in Peace & Conflict Studies was the first program of its kind at a traditional research-based provincial or state flagship university in North America.

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# #20



Since the Peace & Conflict Studies graduate programs were established (Ph.D. in 2006, JMP M.A. in 2010), students have traveled from 36 countries to study PACS at The University of Manitoba.

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# #21



The Natural Resources Institute was originally housed from 1968-1993 in the building that is now the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at 177 Dysart Road. In the early 1990s, the building was pronounced as 'condemned' and to be torn down, so the NRI moved into the Sinnott Building at 70 Dysart Road. Instead of being torn down, however, there were major renovations made to the building and it was converted into Chancellor's Hall, and again renovated for NCTR to move into in 2015.





# #22



The newly implemented Master of Applied Human Nutrition has over 300 registered dietitians and food service managers across the province that participate as preceptors in this program.

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# #23



Master of Applied Human Nutrition students have taken to referring to themselves as “MAHNsters”.

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# #24



The Department of Entomology is the only one of its kind in Canada. Its Youth Encouragement Committee (Entomology community outreach) is among the first—possibly even the first—to be chaired by graduate students in Canada. Initiated by Ron Sinha in 1973 and active ever since, the department’s graduate students have spoken to many thousands of people about insects and their importance.



# #25



The first M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in the Department of Physiology & Pathophysiology were awarded to George Walton Ferguson Brisbin (M.Sc., 1934) and Jan Heinrich Bauer (Ph.D., 1968), respectively.



# #26



The first M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees awarded to female members in the discipline of Physiology were to Diana Lillian Joan Skanderbeg (M.Sc., 1970) and Sharon E. Dandy (Ph.D., 1975), respectively.



# #27



Dr. Gurave Singla is an internationally trained dentist who completed the undergraduate international dental degree program at UM then returned to complete the Prosthodontics Graduate Program. He went on to graduate from the MD Anderson Cancer Center Maxillofacial Prosthodontic Program and now is completing the Implant Surgery Postgraduate Program at Eastman Institute for Oral Health in Rochester, NY.



# #28



Dr. Kelli Berzuk, Physiotherapist and graduate of a UM Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Urogynecology-Colorectal Medicine, wrote a successful book 'I laughed so hard I peed my pants: A Woman's Essential Guide for Improved Bladder Control'. Dr. Berzuk turned attention to an issue that was not widely talked about or addressed. She became the Director of the Incontinence & Pelvic Pain Clinic (division of Nova Physiotherapy & Sports Fitness Clinic) in Winnipeg, MB. Dr. Berzuk's accomplishments include recognition as a Women's Health Clinical Specialist by the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA), a recipient of the Women's Health Research Foundation Scholarship of Canada, the CPA Distinguished Service Award, and the Manitoba Physiotherapy Association Leonore Saunders Mentorship Award.

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# #29

Mahsa Merci (MFA, 2022) produces texturally and materially extravagant images and sculptures of real and imagined queer persons in Iran and among Iranians in exile. She has had great success (a solo show and commercial representation in Toronto and the United States) since her graduation. She is one of a good number of Iranian and Iranian-Canadian students who have graduated and/or are enrolled in the Master of Fine Art. The MFA has gained a reputation as a centre of new and innovative artistic production of contemporary art outside Iran, and as an important locus of graduate education for young Iranian artists.





# #30



Notable graduates from the graduate programs in Sociology & Criminology include Angus Reid, founder of the national polling firm Angus Reid Group, Dr. Tracey Peter, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs), University of Manitoba (who won the UM Distinguished Dissertation Award as a Ph.D. student), and Rita Gunn, co-founder of Prairie Research Associates.



# #31



Notable graduates from the Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences include Dr. Neil MacDonald (Winnipeg Fire & Paramedic), Dr. Adam Decker (Director of Sports Medicine & Performance at Houston Astros), and Dr. Marc Morissette (Clinical Practice Facilitator, Shared Health).

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# #32



Three current or recent central administrators at The University of Manitoba received Ph.D.'s from the UM's own Department of Psychology:

Dr. Joanne Keselman, Provost and Vice-President Emeritus,  
Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and  
Dr. Gary Glavin, former Associate Vice-President (Research).

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# #33



The two social science winners of the junior faculty Rh Award at the UM in 2023 both graduated from the Ph.D. in Psychology:

Dr. Kristin Reynolds (Psychology) is working to improve mental health in older adults, perinatal people and healthcare providers working with these populations. She uses innovative research methods to increase access to evidence-based mental health information and services.

Dr. Benjamin Schellenberg (Kinesiology and Recreation Management) explores how meaningful activities impact psychological well-being. His research focuses on the construct of passion and works to maximize positive experiences in sport. Dr. Schellenberg conducts research with various populations, including athletes, sports fans, exercisers, students, and gamblers.



# #34



Notable graduates from the Master of Nursing include:

Dr. Donna Martin (MN, 1997), current Associate Dean (Graduate Programs), College of Nursing. Dr. Martin received the Outstanding Administrator Award from the UM Faculty of Graduate Studies in 2019 and an Award of Excellence in Nursing Administration from the Association of Regulated Nurses of Manitoba in 2022.

Ms. Lanette Siragusa (MN, 2008) who played a significant role in the healthcare system's fight against COVID-19 as the Province's COVID-19 co-incident commander is currently the CEO of Shared Health Manitoba and Vice-Dean (Education) and Associate Director of Ongomiizwin Health Services in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.



# #35



Dr. Boyd McCurdy is a notable graduate of the Medical Physics Graduate Program and currently Head of Medical Physics at CancerCare Manitoba and President of the Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists.

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# #36



A notable graduate of the Master of Physical Education (FKRM) is Dr. Gordon Giesbrecht, nicknamed “Professor Popsicle”, who appeared on the Late Show with David Letterman in 2004 when he soaked in a giant tank of ice water for 17 minutes and afterwards was warmly greeted with a cup of tea by actress Sarah Jessica Parker.

Dr. Giesbrecht has also appeared in many other interviews and documentaries relating to his work such as Discovery Channel Canada, Rick Mercer Report, the National Geographic Channel, Weird or What? with William Shatner, Canadian and US network news stations, and The Nature of Things.

Dr. Giesbrecht is an award winner at tonight’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration!



# #37



Wab Kinew, Manitoba's 15<sup>th</sup> Premier, previously took graduate courses in the Department of Philosophy.

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# #38



Notable graduates from the Ph.D. in Computer Science include:

Dr. Mark Evans (Ph.D., 1988), Computer Science Founder, CEO and President of Emerging Information Systems Inc. (EISI), Founder and CEO of Conquest Planning Inc. Dr. Evans has leveraged training from the Computer Science graduate program at the UM program to start and run highly successful businesses.

Dr. Denise Geiskkovitch (Ph.D., 2021), Assistant Professor, Department of Computing and Software, Barber-Gennum Chair in Information Technology, McMaster University who is an example of achieving success in academia after completing a Ph.D. in Computer Science at the UM.



# #39

Notable graduates from Community Health Sciences include:

Dr. Wanda Phillips-Beck, M.Sc., Ph.D., an internationally recognized Indigenous scholar working for the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba.

Ms. Shannon Struck, M.Sc., an Epidemiologist at the Public Health Agency of Canada who played an important role in understanding COVID-19 data during the pandemic.

Dr. Claudyne Chevrier, Ph.D., a project manager working at the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Disease and who was an instrumental part, working closely with local activists, of establishing the Winnipeg sex workers collective known as Sex Workers of Winnipeg Action Coalition (SWWAC).





# #40

Notable graduates from Pharmacology & Therapeutics include:

Dr. Chris Sinclair (Ph.D., 2001), Head, Global Preparedness, Emergent BioSolutions

Dr. Sri Navaratnam (Ph.D., 1989), President and CEO at CancerCare Manitoba

Dr. Ricky Man (Ph.D., 1977), Dean Emeritus of the University of Hong Kong

Dr. Norman Haughey (Ph.D., 1998), Vice Chair Research in Neurology at Johns Hopkins

Ms. Stephanie Borgland (M.Sc., 1997), Tier 1 CRC, University of Calgary





# #41

Recent graduates from Pharmacology & Therapeutics who have returned to UM after successful international training include:

Dr. Jill LeMaistre (Stobart) (Ph.D., 2012), Assistant professor in Department of Pharmacy

Dr. Chris Anderson (Ph.D., 2008), Head of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and Scientific Director at PrairieNeuro Research Centre HSC.

Mr. Vern Dolinsky (M.Sc., 1998), Associate Head of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Co-Lead of DREAM at CHRIM.



# #42



The most competitive stream within the Master of Music is Voice. The program is consistently known as an excellent voice program both locally and across Canada.

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# #43

Notable graduates from the Master of Music include:

Lisa Rumpel (2015), Dawn Bruch-Wiens (2008) and Judith Oatway who collectively founded *FlipSide Opera & Art Song Collective*.

Sawyer Craig (2019), Director and Soprano, Co-founder, *Good Mess Opera Theatre*.

Chris Kayler (2011), who went on to complete a Doctor of Musical Arts at Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester. He is now Assistant Professor of Music at Briercrest College, Saskatchewan.



# #44



Dr. Michael Landry, who received a Ph.D. in 2002 in subatomic physics from the Department of Physics & Astronomy is the Head of LIGO Hanford Observatory, the gravitational wave observatory, whose senior founders received the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics.

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# #45



Ms. Mollie Weinberg received an M.A. in 1922 and an M.Sc. in 1923 in Physics. These are the oldest graduate degrees awarded from the Department of Physics & Astronomy, received under Prof. Frank Allen, the department's founder and one of the six original professors of The University of Manitoba.



# #46



The graduate programs in the Department of Economics fall into two streams: Economics & Econometrics and Economics & Society. These streams were formalized between 2018-2020.





# #47

Psychology's doctoral program in clinical psychology was established in 1968 (along with the Psychological Service Centre as the on-campus training clinic) under the direction of Dr. Jim Nickels. The program was accredited by the American Psychological Association in 1972 and was the first APA accredited clinical program in western Canada. It was subsequently accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association in 1989, when that accreditation became available. The program is known, therefore, for being a stable and well-establishing clinical training program and remains the only such program in Manitoba.



# #48



Dr. Sarah Carter (Ph.D., 1987) of the Department of History is one of the most significant historians of Western Canada of her generation. She is the recipient of many academic awards and honours and has been named a member of the Order of Canada.



# #49



Notable graduates of the Ph.D. in Peace & Conflict Studies include:  
Dr. Mavis Matenge, Director, Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation,  
Government of Botswana  
Dr. Paul Cormier, Chair, Keewatinase (Department of Indigenous Education),  
Lakehead University  
Dr. Mathias Ateng, Peace and Development Officer, United Nations (Ghana)  
Dr. Katerina Standish, Vice-Provost Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University  
of Northern British Columbia



# #50



Don Leitch (Master of Natural Resources Management, 1975) of the Natural Resources Institute served in many significant positions during his career including The Province of Manitoba appointed Clerk of Executive Council and Secretary to Cabinet in 2021, Deputy Minister to the Premier of Manitoba for over 11 years, President and CEO of the Business Council of Manitoba. He served on the Boards of the Forks-North Portage Development Corp., the International Institute for Sustainable Development and on the International Advisory Committee of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. He was awarded the 2000 Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal for Excellence in Public Administration (Manitoba), and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

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# #51



The most distinguished graduate of the Department of Entomology is Dr. Maurice Tauber (1931-2014). Dr. Tauber earned his Bachelor's and Master's at The University of Manitoba, then received a Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1966. He was on the faculty of the Cornell University Department of Entomology from 1966 to 2000 and chaired the department from 1981 to 1986. His research focused on the biological control of insects and insect behaviour, with emphasis on experimental studies of insect seasonal cycles. Dr. Tauber was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Entomological Society of Canada, and the California Academy of Sciences.

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# #52



A notable graduate of the Department of Statistics is Dr. Robert Tate (M.Sc., 1975, Ph.D., 2000). Most notably among his work has been his contributions to the Manitoba Follow-Up Study, the longest-running study of cardiovascular disease and aging in Canada. It started at The University of Manitoba in 1948, and in the 72 years of the project, 44 of them have involved Dr. Tate, more than 50 of whose publications come from this study. Today, as Director of The University of Manitoba Follow-up Study, Dr. Tate maintains an active research program, continuing to advance health science in the years to come. Dr. Tate received the Honoured Faculty of Science Alumni Award in 2021.

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# #53



Notable graduates of the Department of Anthropology include:

Ellen Lee (M.A, 1986) who became Director of the Archaeological Services Branch of Parks Canada.  
Rebecca “Becky” Jean Balcom (M.A.) who was a senior partner in the international consulting firm Golder Associates and the Director of Cultural Sciences.

Habiba Zaman (Ph.D.) retired Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies at Simon Fraser University. Her scholarly contributions raised awareness of the struggles of immigrant women workers in Canada.

Kevin Brownlee (M.A., 2005) who was the former Curator of Archaeology at the Manitoba Museum and is now Curator of Indigenous Collections and Repatriation at the Royal BC Museum.

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# #54



The Department of Economics' current cohort of graduate students includes students from 9 different countries.

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# #55

The Department of Anthropology is committed to community engagement and research on the rich, diverse, and multifaceted ways of being human. The department seeks to build understanding across the differences that separate us in an effort to find more equitable and respectful ways to address the most challenging issues of our time. The department offers research in sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology. Current graduate students conduct research in Canada and in countries around the world, including Bangladesh, South Africa, Ghana, India, and the Philippines.



# #56



As at November 1, 2023, there were 3,964 students enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. (OIA)

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# #57



In Fall 2022, sixteen (16) graduate students 65 years of age or older were enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students who are 65 years of age and older are exempted from paying tuition fees. (OIA)



# #58



The average age of full-time graduate students is 30.6 years. The average age of part-time graduate students is 38.5 years. (Fall 2022 OIA)

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# #59



The largest number of part-time graduate students are in Education, the Asper MBA, Social Work, and Nursing. (Fall 2022 OIA)

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# #60



The largest number of international graduate students are in Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, the Asper MBA, Computer Science, and Biosystems Engineering. (Fall 2022 OIA)

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# #61



In 2016, Senate approved the Collaborative Ph.D. Program, which provides an opportunity for outstanding graduate students to receive training at both The University of Manitoba and a collaborating university outside of Canada. Students spend a period in residence and complete portions of their program of study, and fulfill all requirements of, each university. Each of the collaborating universities awards a Ph.D. degree that explicitly notes that the completed program was based on a collaborative Ph.D. program and names the collaborating university.



# #62



In 2001, Senate approved The University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship (UMGF). The current budget for the UMGF sits at \$6,000,000.

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# #63



The Faculty of Graduate Studies houses approximately 175 Postdoctoral Fellows. PDFs were re-homed from the Vice President (Research & International) Office to the Faculty of Graduate Studies in 2022 so as to foster a community and provide ongoing learning opportunities for PDFs.



# #64



The first Associate Dean position in the Faculty of Graduate Studies was established in 1970. Every Associate Dean between 1970-1982 (B. G. Hogg, R. A. Lebrun, M. S. Aftanas, M. Vaisey-Genser) eventually became Dean or Acting Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.



# #65



A second Associate Dean position was added in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in 1991, and a third position in 2005. Since the establishment of FGS, there have been nearly 40 faculty members who have held the position of Associate Dean, FGS.



# #66



In 2022, The University of Manitoba saw its highest number of Vanier Scholars. Nine (9) graduate students were awarded the prestigious award, which recognizes Canada's top graduate students, chosen for their academic excellence, research potential, and leadership.

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# #67



The FGS Conference Travel Award established in 2014 is funded by the proceeds of the Learned Societies (Congress for Social Sciences and Humanities) Conference held at the University of Manitoba in 1986.

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# #68



The UM Distinguished Dissertation Award was first offered in 2000. A total of 100 students have been awarded the UMDD, many of which became or still are faculty members at the University of Manitoba today.

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# #69



Dr. Michael Czubryt of Physiology & Pathophysiology was a UM Distinguished Dissertation winner as a Ph.D. student in 2001. He became an Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies two decades later.

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# #70



The University of Manitoba first hosted the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition in 2013. In 2020, it added the French version, Ma thèse en 180 secondes (MT180).

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# #71



In 2020, the final 3MT event was held live online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time of the event, there were 409 views. To-date, that recording has received 5,300 views.

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# #72



406 graduate students have competed in the 3MT heats at The University of Manitoba since 2013. Six (6) Ph.D. students and five (5) Master's students have won the final heats.

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# #73



In 2021, graduate student Nolan De Leon (MD/Ph.D. student) won both the 3MT and the MT180.

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# #74



The Faculty of Graduate Studies held its inaugural 3 Minute Postdoctoral (3MP) Competition in 2023. Nine (9) Postdoctoral Fellows took part in the competition. Dr. Oladipupo Olatunde in the Department of Food and Human Nutritional Sciences took first prize.

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# #75



To facilitate interdisciplinary research and enable the contributions of scholars and researchers who are from within and outside The University of Manitoba, the category of Adjunct Professor was created. There are presently 594 adjuncts appointed to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, 534 of which are from outside UM.

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