

## Welcome to the Faculty of Graduate Studies,

On behalf of everyone at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, commonly known as FGS, I would like to extend warm greetings to all of you. I am delighted to be able to welcome you to the UM this year. This year, UM has launched its new strategic plan, [MomentUM](#), and you will see a focus on three strategic themes: creating knowledge that matters, empowering learners and reimagining engagement. We look forward to the connections that you will be able to make with the UM community during your graduate education.

You are part of several new communities now, the University of Manitoba community, the FGS community, your department community and the graduate student community. Each of these communities can add tremendous value to your experience in your graduate program and help you grow and develop. Please ensure you are aware of all the supports and resources that are available to you as a graduate student at UM, these can be found here: [UM Student Supports](#).

FGS's main responsibility is to oversee all the University of Manitoba's 150 and counting graduate programs. Consequently, we have the privilege of getting to know more than 3,900 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. Our office provides over \$ 13M dollars in direct financial support to support graduate students. This is separate from all the external and department awards that we process allowing 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](#) and the [FGS award website](#) features several student profiles of our graduate students and I encourage you to view them to see the ground-breaking 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 career paths. I 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. 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 about upcoming events, and resources. Finally, your academic and professional development is important to us; we encourage you to take advantage of many workshops available throughout the year for graduate students on the [GradSteps website](#).

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! It is our hope at FGS that your experience at UM in your graduate program will help you grow and achieve the goals you have for your future.

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