

Awards applications instructions

Please follow these instructions when filling out the application form for the graduate scholarships. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected.

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Read the eligibility criteria for the awards applied for (Biological Sciences web page under Scholarships and Awards). If you are not eligible (e.g. you work on animals and the award is for research on plants or fungi), do **not** apply.

Fill out your personal information on the first page. For Program and Year, indicate MSc or PhD and year in program as of September 1st; e.g. 1st year MSc.

Indicate which award(s) you are applying for by checking the appropriate boxes.

Degrees Held: Please indicate which degrees you have completed, the year the degree was conferred and the institution at which it was obtained; e.g. BSc, 2020, University of Manitoba. If the degree was obtained outside of Manitoba, please indicate the province (in Canada) or country (outside of Canada).

Experience: Indicate any experience you have gained that will contribute to the likelihood of success in your proposed research. This could include any laboratory research, field research, or summer jobs that involved techniques you will use (scientific writing, statistics, computer skills, literature searches etc). A brief description of the experience is helpful (e.g. banding birds, collecting plant samples, using molecular techniques, etc).

Scholarships and Awards: List any academic awards you may have received (high school, university, other). Include the name of the award, whether it was institutional, provincial, national or international, its annual value in Canadian dollars (current exchange rate), when it was received and its duration. For example: a one-time award or one-year award e.g. \$4000, 2020; or an award renewed over a period of time e.g. \$4000/yr, 2018-2020). Prizes or awards of \$0 should also be listed. Any awards offered but declined should be listed. If an award was for a conference presentation, this should be listed.

Publications: List all publications. A list of publications should be made, beginning with the most recent in each of the following categories: peer-reviewed articles, peer-reviewed conference presentations, book chapters, theses, non-peer reviewed articles, non-peer-reviewed presentations, on-line publications or publications in the popular press, articles in press, submitted or in progress, other. Cite author(s), title, year and sufficient information that a reviewer can find and read the publication. For conference presentations, indicate who was the presenting author and whether the presentation was a poster or oral. For published articles, append a copy of the first page, with abstract and citation. For multi-author publications, give a brief description of your contribution.

Proposed Research: Provide a brief description of your proposed research. Include background information (not to exceed one third of the length of the proposal). State methods, including experimental design and planned analysis. If results have already been obtained, describe them. State significance of the proposed research, but be specific: “will expand our knowledge in the area” is not good enough. The proposal should include references, numbered in the body of the proposal, with citations at the end. Author (first et al.), year, journal/book etc, issue and pages should be included, but

the citation need not be complete (as it should be in the publications section of the application) to save space; there should be enough information that the reviewers can find them.

NOTE: If you are applying for the Roger Evans Memorial Scholarship, you must include a statement of the conference(s) at which you intend to present your work. Preference will be given to international or national conference destinations.

Transcripts: If you were a University of Manitoba student (undergraduate and/or graduate), append a web transcript from Aurora. If you obtained your previous degree(s) from a Canadian university other than U of M, or you are an international student, a copy of your transcript will be appended to your application by the Department of Biological Sciences

Referees: Referees should be the proposed supervisor and a second person with special knowledge of the academic and/or research abilities of the applicant. Only the Eugene Reimer Scholarship for Biological Sciences and the E. Scherer Memorial Scholarship **require** two references; if you are not applying for these, you may give the name of one referee who is familiar with your academic and/or research abilities.