

## The Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF) Scholarship

The Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF) established an annually funded scholarship to recognize the academic achievements of graduate students in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba who are pursuing research that fits within the WGRF research priority areas as posted on their website. The WGRF will make an initial contribution of \$100,000 in 2020, and will contribute up to \$100,000 for four subsequent years. Each year, beginning in 2020-2021 and ending in 2024-2025, a minimum of two and up to four scholarships with a minimum value of \$25,000 each will be offered to graduate students who:

- (1) are enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in the first year of a Master's or Doctoral program delivered by a department in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences;
- (2) have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study; and
- (3) have proposed to undertake thesis research in an area of crop research that fits within the WGRF research priority areas.

Candidates will be required to submit an application that will consist of: (a) a description of their proposed research project (maximum 500 words) and an explanation of how it fits within the WGRF research priority areas, (b) a current *curriculum vitae*, (c) current academic transcript(s), and (d) two academic letters of reference.

Recipients of the WGRF Graduate Scholarship will be required to submit a summary of their research and academic progress (maximum 500 words) to the WGRF by the end of each academic year during the tenure of the award.

The Scholarship is renewable for either one subsequent year for Master's students or two subsequent years for Doctoral students, provided that they continue to be enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in a Master's or Doctoral program delivered by a department in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, continue to meet criteria (2) and (3) above, and have submitted a satisfactory progress report to their supervisory committee.

In the event that a recipient does not qualify for renewal of the award, the selection committee may offer the scholarship to a new recipient who meets the selection criteria. No more than four students can hold this scholarship in a given year.