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Award type: scholarship

Dr. Kenneth Clark Travel Award in Plant Science

Dr. Kenneth Clark established an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba, with an initial gift of \$25,000 in 2015. The purpose of the fund is to provide travel awards for graduate students in the Department of Plant Science. Each year, beginning in 2017-2018, the available annual income from the fund will be used to offer one or more travel awards to graduate students who:

- (1) are enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and have completed at least one year of an M.Sc. or Ph.D. program delivered in the Department of Plant Science;
- (2) have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study;
- (3) will be attending a scientific meeting in a plant science related area and will be presenting the results of their research at the meeting (poster or oral presentation);
- (4) have, in the opinion of the selection committee, demonstrated research ability based on the submitted abstract and the proposed research results to be presented at the meeting.

Applications are available from the Department of Plant Science and must be submitted to the Associate Head of the Department of Plant Science by the advertised deadline.

Award selection will be based on the following (in order of importance):

- (i) academic performance;
- (ii) comments from letters of recommendation;
- (iii) the quality of the abstract submitted and proposed research results to be presented;
- (iv) the potential value of the meeting to the student's development.

Recipients will submit receipts for travel, registration, hotel and food expenses (based on current University of Manitoba *per diem* rates). Expenses will be reimbursed up to the value of the award offered. Funding must be used within the 12-month period following the date of the award offer. Recipients graduating within the 12-month period following the date of the award offer must use the funding no later than six months from the date of convocation.

Recipients may not hold more than one travel award offered through the Department of Plant Science within the same calendar year.

If there are no suitable candidates in any given year, at the discretion of the selection committee, any unspent revenue may be held over to offer the award the following year.

The Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will ask the Department of Plant Science Graduate Studies Committee (or designate) to convene the selection committee for this award.

The Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

Established: *Senate, February 3, 2016*

Biographical Information:

Kenneth Wyllie Clark was born in Hastings, New Zealand on January 30, 1924. He spent two years on a sheep station before being drafted into the army. In 1943 he transferred to the R.N.Z.A.F. and was sent to Winnipeg to train as a Wireless Operator. He then moved on to Quebec to Navigation School where he graduated as a Nav/W commissioned officer. Following O.T.U. in Greenwood, Nova Scotia, he saw service in England before returning to New Zealand where he was reunited with his wife, the former Leila Adley of Winnipeg. They resided in Palmerston North, where their two children, Dr. Diane Buchanan and Derek Clark, were born. After obtaining a Diploma in Agriculture from Massey University, Dr. Clark worked for the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research until he was given an opportunity to return to Canada and work for Agriculture Canada. During three winter sessions he graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B.S.A. in 1954. Sent on educational leave to Purdue University, in Indiana, he obtained his M.Sc. and Ph. D. in three years before returning to Swift Current to conduct grassland agronomy experiments.

C.S.I.R.O. Canberra, Australia, recruited him to establish a Grassland Agronomy section in the Plant Industry division. The family enjoyed their new home in the early 1960's with holidays touring the country and its beaches. When an invitation to join the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba was received, a hard decision required three weeks on South Mole Island in the Great Barrier Reef off the Queensland coast to evaluate the pros and cons. The toss of a coin solved the dilemma, so leaving Diane in Canberra to complete her high school education, the family arrived in Winnipeg in April 1964.