

The Hilary Kaufman Lerner Memorial Fund
("the Fund")
Terms of Reference

The Fund has been established in memory of Hilary Kaufman Lerner who died in 2016 of complications associated with a decades-long, progressively debilitating, course of multiple sclerosis that she bore with courage and unstinting determination. Friends and family have contributed to an endowment fund related to the University of Manitoba's Max Rady College of Medicine to support the granting of the Award in accordance with the following terms of reference.

Purpose of the Fund

The Fund's purpose is to recognize and facilitate research and advanced studies on multiple sclerosis and related disorders by student research-trainees.

Eligibility

- To be eligible for grants from the Fund, student research-trainees must be undertaking or planning to undertake research or advanced studies under the aegis of one or more Colleges of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Manitoba.
- The areas of research and study involved may, without limitation, include phenomena at the molecular, cellular, clinical, population or health system level, as these may be further defined in the rules and procedures developed for the administration of the Fund.

Criteria

- Relevance of the research or program of advanced study to multiple sclerosis and related disorders
- The academic merit of the proposed recipient of a grant from the Fund as attested to by his or her nominator(s).
- The potential value to be gained from the specific use to which the amount of the grant will be applied.

Candidacy

- Candidacy for a grant from the Fund will be based on nomination by a sponsor who is an academic member of a College or Colleges under whose aegis the nominee's research or studies are to take place, or are already taking place.
- Nominations require the written approval or endorsement of the relevant Colleges

Permitted Uses of Granted Funds

- Granted funds may be used to defray out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the grant recipient in undertaking his or her research activities or studies including: materials and supplies; fees of various kinds (e.g. access to scholarly materials, fees for courses beyond the usual course of study; registration fees at scientific conferences).
- Granted funds may also be used to defray travel expenses incurred in attending conferences at which the student trainee will be making a presentation.

Administration

- A Fund Advisory Committee shall be established by the Dean of the Max Rady College of Medicine to make recommendations with respect to: the rules and procedures pertaining to solicitation of nominations of candidates for grants from the Fund, the selection of awardees and the ongoing development of policies and procedures related to the Fund.