**Call for Applications for the 2020-2021 UMGF Competition**

 **M.Sc. and Ph.D. Students**

**Department of Soil Science**

Prospective and current M.Sc. and Ph.D. students are encouraged to apply for the **2020-2021 Department of Soil Science University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship Competition** (UMGF).

The award value is $14,000 per year for a maximum of 2 years for M.Sc. students; and $18,000 per year for a maximum of 4 years for Ph.D. students. Master’s fellowships will not extend beyond the first 24 monthsof the Master’s program. Ph.D. fellowships will not extend beyond the first 48 monthsof their Ph.D. program. New students must start their award by January 2021 at the latest. Although students must have a minimum admission GPA of 3.0 to be eligible, admission and in-program GPAs constitute a substantial component of the award assessment. All students regardless of citizenship are eligible to apply. Please refer to the UMGF Award Holders Guide for full details of eligibility: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/media/UMGF_Award_Holders_Guide_20-21.pdf>

Students must submit the following electronically to Martha Blouw (Martha.Blouw@umanitoba.ca) by **March 27, 2020**

* **Transcript** of grades from all university programs; University of Manitoba transcripts downloaded from Aurora are acceptable; Students from other universities who have not yet applied to the Faculty of Graduate Studies can provide a scanned copy of transcripts; Current students can provide copies of their original transcripts used from their initial admission application;
* **Letter of Intent** describing your educational goals, notional thesis topic area, the name of your thesis advisor, and the date when your program will start;
* **A resumé** indicating exceptional academic achievements and demonstration of leadership and experience, including evidence of research productivity;
* A 300- to 500-word **description** of your intended research.
* **Letters of reference** from two professional referees sent directly from the referee to Martha.Blouw@umanitoba.ca.