

Funded PhD starting Fall 2026 at the University of Manitoba: Gender+ analysis of primary care teams

Join a large comparative case study research study, exploring the implementation primary care team models in 5 Canadian provinces. The successful applicant will be a research team member on the CIHR-funded study titled *Evaluating the implementation of team-based primary care in Canada: A multiple case study and deliberative dialogues* (Sept 2026- Aug 2030).

PhD project focus: the full-time PhD student will take a leadership role in developing and completing a thesis that considers how gender dynamics shape primary care teams. The PhD student will complete a secondary analysis of selected case studies within the larger study, completed under the supervision of [Dr. Patty Thille](#) at the University of Manitoba.

Funding: The successful applicant will receive a minimum of \$40,000 (CAD)/year for 3 years. Most of this funding will be non-taxable income in Canada.

Supervisor: Dr. Patty Thille is feminist medical sociologist and qualitative methodologist with a clinical background in physiotherapy. She is an Associate Professor of Physical Therapy at the University of Manitoba. She serves as the co-chair of the North American Primary Care Research Group's research methodologies group and sits on the executive of the international Critical Physiotherapy Network. Her research focus is disrupting discriminatory logics and practices as they manifest in primary care and rehabilitation practice.

Eligibility: Due to PhD application deadlines, applicants must be either a Canadian citizen, a person holding permanent resident (PR) status in Canada, or an American citizen. The Applied Health Sciences PhD program requires applicants to have a master's degree, which includes clinical, thesis-based or coursework-based master's degrees. You do not need to have a health professions background to apply.

Application deadline: The deadline for the [Applied Health Sciences PhD](#) program is March 1/26 to begin coursework in Fall 2026.

Note: we can design coursework to support an application for a PhD program transfer for 2027, if another PhD program (e.g. Community Health Sciences or social sciences) is a better fit for the student.

To express interest: Please email Patty Thille (patty.thille@umanitoba.ca) as soon as possible to open a conversation. Include your CV.

Location: This PhD opportunity at the University of Manitoba is based in Winnipeg, the capital city of Manitoba, Canada, in Treaty 1 territory. University of Manitoba campuses and research spaces are situated on the original lands of Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anisininewuk, Dakota Oyate, Dene and Inuit, and on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Winnipeg is home to vibrant, multicultural communities, and diverse arts, sports, and culture scenes. The city, with a growing

population of more than 850,000, is home to internationally renowned festivals, galleries and museums, the historic Exchange District and The Forks. Winnipeg is also, comparatively, a more affordable Canadian city in which to live.