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**Eligibility** The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies offers five Doctoral Distinguished Dissertation Awards to graduating students. Each year, one award will be offered in each of the following categories at the Doctoral level: applied sciences, health sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.

In addition to receiving a cash prize, the recipients will each be presented with a Citation Certificate at the **Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Awards Reception in May 2026**.

Eligible dissertations must have been defended and the final approved version submitted to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies between January 1 and December 31 of the previous calendar year.

**NOTE: For the current competition only students who defended and submitted their doctoral dissertation during January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, are eligible for this competition.**

**EXCEPTION: The thesis deadline to graduate in February 2026 is January 6, 2026. If a student defends their thesis in 2025 and submits before January 6, 2026, they will be eligible for nomination.**

Each Faculty/School/College may nominate up to two Doctoral students to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In case there are no qualified candidates in a given Faculty/School/College, the Faculty/School/College selection committee may choose not to submit a nominee. The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will verify the eligibility of nominees submitted as follows:

- were enrolled full- or part-time in the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies in a Doctoral program in the year in which the award was tenable;
- have achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 3.5 in their current graduate program; and
- have been nominated by the Faculty/College/School in which their department is housed, and have, in the opinion of the selection committee, submitted the best dissertation in their respective categories.

**Value** A \$3,000.00 cash prize and a Citation Certificate \*\*A cheque will be issued for payment\*\*

**Currency** Canadian

**Tenable at** The University of Manitoba for the 2025-2026 competition year for theses completed in the 2025 calendar year.

**Deadlines** February 27

**Application Details** **The 2025-2026 Application is Now Open!**

Each Faculty/College/School may submit two award nominations to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. **Contact your Faculty/College/School for their internal nomination deadline.**

Each nomination package must include:

- the Nomination Form - please access and download the form from the following link: <https://umanitoba.sharepoint.com/:f/r/sites/um-intranet-graduate-studies/Shared%20Documents/FGPS%20Convocation%20Award%20Nomination%20Forms>
- the award category the nominee should be considered under: applied sciences, health sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences;

- a letter of support from the Dean of the Faculty/Director of the Faculty/College/School that also indicates the process used by the selection committee to select the nominee;
- a letter from the Graduate Chair of the student's department describing the reasons for the nomination, and why the dissertation is viewed as a ground-breaking piece of original work;
- the name and departmental affiliation of the nominee's research supervisor;
- a copy of each examiner's **written examination report**(i.e., "Memo and Reports" file);
- a copy of the abstract of the dissertation, not to exceed 350 words in length; and
- a current curriculum vitae for the nominee.

The Faculty/College/School must submit the entire nomination package as a single PDF file via email to:

[graduate.awards@umanitoba.ca](mailto:graduate.awards@umanitoba.ca)

**Subject Line: University of Manitoba Distinguished Dissertation Award Nomination**

The selection committee will be named by the Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (or designate) and will include the Associate Deans of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

**Contact:** Allison Aubin, Awards Coordinator [graduate.awards@umanitoba.ca](mailto:graduate.awards@umanitoba.ca)

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