

Western Grains Research Foundation Endowment Fund Graduate Scholarship

The Western Grains Research Foundation provides a contribution of \$100,000 every three years*, to offer renewable graduate scholarships for students at the University of Manitoba. The purpose of the scholarships is to support and encourage top students to further their studies in crop research, to generate improved technology and productivity for western crop producers. Every three years, there will be either two scholarships with a minimum value of \$25,000 each for Master's students, or one scholarship with a minimum value of \$33,000 for a Doctoral student. The scholarships will be offered to graduate students who:

- (1) are enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in the first year of a Master's or Doctoral program delivered by the Department of Plant Science or the Department of Soil Science;
- (2) have achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 3.5 (or equivalent) based on the last 60 credit hours of study (or equivalent);
- (3) have proposed to undertake thesis research in the area of crop research (major field crops including grains and oilseeds).

Preference will be given to candidates who hold an undergraduate degree from a Canadian university.

Candidates will be required to submit an application that will consist of: (a) a description of their proposed research project (maximum 500 words), (b) a current *curriculum vitae*, (c) a current academic transcript(s), and (d) two academic letters of reference from professors at a post-secondary institution.

The Scholarship is renewable for either one or two years for Master's and Doctoral students, respectively, provided that the recipient:

- (1) continues to be registered full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in a Master's or Doctoral program delivered by the Department of Plant Science or the Department of Soil Science;
- (2) has maintained a minimum degree grade point average of 3.5 (or equivalent) based on the last 60 credit hours of study (or equivalent);
- (3) has submitted a satisfactory progress report to his or her supervisory committee.

In the event that a recipient does not qualify for renewal of the award, the selection committee may offer the scholarship to a new recipient who meets the selection criteria.

Normally, the Western Grains Research Foundation Endowment Fund Graduate Scholarship may not be held with any other award valued at \$10,000 or greater, including University awards and external awards funded by provincial or federal government programs.

* The first gift of \$100,000 will be made in June 2011 and will be followed up every third year. The Western Grains Research Foundation Endowment Fund Graduate Scholarship will be reviewed after the third \$100,000 gift from the WGRF to determine whether to continue with the scholarships and if any amendments are required.

The Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will ask the Chair of the Awards Committee of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences 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, June 22, 2011*