

The Hilary Kaufman Lerner Memorial Fund

Grants Program for Student Research-Trainees

Nomination Guide

Background

The HKL 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 to provide grants in aid of **research and advanced studies on multiple sclerosis and related demyelinating disorders by student research-trainees.**

The Grants Program

1. Definitions:

- **Student research-trainee** A person who is enrolled in bachelors, masters, doctoral or fellowship program in one or more Colleges of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Manitoba in which the focus is on research and advanced study. Post-doctoral research fellows are not considered to be student research trainees.
- **Candidate** A student research-trainee who is undertaking or planning to undertake research or advanced studies on multiple sclerosis and related demyelinating disorders and who has been nominated by an academic member of a College or Colleges under whose aegis the nominee's research or studies are being or will be undertaken. Note: College of Dentistry students must be nominated by an academic member or supervisor from the Max Rady College of Medicine, Colleges of Nursing, Pharmacy or Rehabilitation Sciences.
- **Current academic status** Refers to the type of program (e.g. undergraduate, master's, PhD), year of program and full-time versus part-time status.

2. Areas of research and advanced Study on Multiple Sclerosis and related demyelinating disorders

- The areas of research and study involved may, without limitation, include phenomena at the molecular, cellular, clinical, population, or health system level.

3. Selection 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.

4. Permitted Uses of Grant 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 (access to scholarly materials, fees for courses beyond the usual course of study; registration fees at scientific conferences; visit to another lab/group to learn a new technique or collaborate).
- Granted funds may also be used to defray travel expenses incurred in attending conferences at which the student trainee will be making a presentation.

5. Nomination Requirements

- Fully completed Nomination Form (attached) submitted electronically on or before the deadline date.
- The key elements of the required information are:
 - Information about the Candidate
 - Information about the Nominator
 - Information about the research/scholarly activity the Candidate is and will be engaged in.
 - An itemized list of items and related costs to be defrayed by the HKL Grant (total not to exceed \$6000).
- FAAF Required.

6. Expectations of the recipient

- Report
 - Within 12 months of receipt of the award, the recipient will provide a report describing the use to which the award was applied to, and the outcomes. The report should directly address the expected outcomes as described in the application and should be approximately 300-500 words in length. It will be submitted to the Office of the Associate Dean (Research), Max Rady College of Medicine, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.
- Acknowledgement
 - If the funding leads to a publication or presentation, the grantee will acknowledge that the work was *supported in part by a grant from the Hilary Kaufman Lerner Memorial Fund*.