

The Hilary Kaufman Lerner Memorial Fund

("The Fund")

Terms of Reference

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The 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 contributed to an endowment fund to support the granting of an Award to recognize and facilitate research and advanced studies on multiple sclerosis and related disorders by students in the University of Manitoba's Rady Faculty of Health Sciences. Experience in the administration of the Award since its inception has prompted the parties to amend the Terms of Reference of the Award as follows.

Purpose of the Fund

The Fund's purpose is to recognize and facilitate research and advanced studies on multiple sclerosis and related disorders by students in the University of Manitoba's Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an Award, a candidate must be enrolled/registered as a student in a designated program leading to a degree offered within the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences who is undertaking, or plans to undertake, research or advanced studies under the aegis of one or more of the Colleges in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Manitoba.¹

The areas of research and study involved may, without limitation, include phenomena at the molecular, cellular, clinical, population or health system level, as these may be further defined in the rules and procedures developed for the administration of the Fund.

In exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Fund Advisory Committee, eligibility may be expanded to encompass research or studies by students engaged in joint programs between the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and other Faculties of the University of Manitoba.

Criteria

- Relevance of the research or program of advanced study to multiple sclerosis and related disorders
- The academic merit of the proposed recipients of a grant from the Fund as attested to by their nominator(s).
- The potential value to be gained from the specific use to which the amount of the grant will be applied.

¹ The designation of the specific programs eligible for consideration shall be made by the Office of the Dean of Health Sciences taking into account the recommendation of the Fund Advisory Committee.

Candidacy

- Candidacy for a grant from the Fund will be based on nomination by a sponsor who is an academic member of a College or Colleges under whose aegis the nominee's research or studies are to take place, or are already taking place.
- Nominations require the written approval or endorsement of the relevant Colleges.

Permitted Uses of Granted Funds

Granted funds may be used:

- to defray out-of-pocket expenses incurred by grant recipients in undertaking their 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).
- to defray travel expenses incurred in attending conferences at which the recipient will be making a presentation.

Granted funds may also be provided for the foregoing purposes as part of a joint contribution with other funders.

Administration

- A Fund Advisory Committee shall be established by the Dean of the Max Rady College of Medicine to make recommendations with respect to: the rules and procedures pertaining to the solicitation of nominations of candidates for grants from the Fund, the selection of awardees, and the ongoing development of policies and procedures related to the Fund.

I, Dr. Peter Nickerson, the Dean of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences approve of the above-outlined terms of reference.

Signature

Date

We, Dr. Arnold Naimark & Mr. Brian Lerner, the donors, approve of the above-outlined terms of reference.

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