

Frequently Asked Questions about the RFHS Graduate Studentships

1. Can Graduate Enhancement of Tri-Agency Stipends (GETS) funding be used to partner for this award?

Yes, provided that the Faculty of Graduate Studies continues to allow the use of GETS funding as the match portion, then RFHS would accept GETS funding toward the advisor's partnering of the studentship values.

2. Can RFHS Graduate Studentships be deferred?

Yes, deferrals are permitted, in part to enable previous sources of funding to be maximized and to allow for planning of future award commitments. For the current competition, **January 1st 2026** would be the last possible start date for the award.

3. The applicant doesn't have a UM email to use the MS Forms. What can they do?

Please email rfsgraduateawards@umanitoba.ca and we will provide a PDF form for application.

4. Do I need to fill in all sections of the form?

All sections, including the training sections, for the application should be completed; otherwise, the application will be deemed incomplete and **will not be reviewed**.

5. Is there a limit on awards to a particular college or department?

There is no set limit for the number of awards available to either Departments or Colleges. The total number of awards is dependent on available funds.

6. Can an advisor have more than one student funded by this program?

Though multiple students supervised by the same advisor may apply, only one student per primary advisor will normally be funded. Funding for a second student will only be considered if funding is available.

7. Will my application be reviewed by an expert in my field?

Your application will be reviewed by three different individuals. These reviewers likely **will not** be experts in your field of study so please ensure that your application is clearly written and refrain from using jargon/acronyms in your application.

8. Can I hold other awards at the same time as holding a RFHS Graduate Studentship?

You can hold other awards simultaneously if those awards are not intended and disbursed as salary support totaling 50% or more of RFHS Graduate Studentship funding in any year during which the Studentship is held. The University of Manitoba International Graduate Student Entrance Scholarship (IGSES) and International Graduate Student Scholarship (IGSS) are exceptions and should not be included when calculating amounts of simultaneously held awards.

9. What happens if I receive a new award after accepting or holding the RFHS Graduate Studentship?

Congratulations on receiving the award! If the award is greater than 50% of the RFHS Graduate studentship award during any year of funding, you would notify us (rfhsgraduateawards@umanitoba.ca) so that the RFHS award can be terminated.

10. When I present at conferences or publish my work, am I required to acknowledge support from this program?

When you present your work in publications or presentations, please acknowledge your studentship support from the RFHS Graduate Studentship Program.

11. Why do I need to allow RFHS to access my admission GPA?

The admission GPA is calculated by FGS and enables the academic performance of students from diverse backgrounds to be more equitably compared by the selection committee.

12. How many years of funding am I eligible for?

You are eligible for two years of funding in your program (Master's or PhD). If you transfer to a PhD from a MSc, you are eligible for two years in total and will be funded at the PhD level for the remainder of your award term once the transition process is complete. The advisor's matching contribution will increase to the PhD level at this point.

13. What is the minimum GPA requirement?

You must have achieved a minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent in at least the last two (2) previous years of full-time university study (no less than 60 credit hours or equivalent).

14. Where are the application forms?

The student application form and term of reference can be found at the following site: <https://umanitoba.ca/health-sciences/student-experience>

Students should use the following link to submit their application:
<https://forms.office.com/r/tvZ85Gfc5k>

Advisors, co-advisors, and referees should use the form at the following link to submit their assessment letters and/or CIHR Biosketch CommonCV:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tvZ85Gfc5k>

15. What is the deadline for submission?

The deadline to submit the student the Studentship application form and the Advisor/Co-Advisor forms is November 1st, 2024.

16. When are the results announced?

Competition results are normally announced by February 1st.

17. What is the award amount and PI commitment?

| Master's | | | | | |
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| Program | Scenario | Total Value | Advisor | RFHS | Other |
| RFHS Graduate Studentship (using GETS) | PI will use GETS allocation toward funding partner requirement. | \$20000 | \$8750 | \$2500 | GETS max: \$8750 |
| RFHS Graduate Studentship (GETS not available) | PI has already utilized entire GETS allocation or not eligible for GETS funding. | \$20000 | \$8750 | \$11250 | N/A |

| PhD | | | | | |
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| Program | Scenario | Total Value | Advisor | RFHS | Other |
| RFHS Graduate Studentship (using GETS) | PI will use GETS allocation toward funding partner requirement. | \$25000 | \$10500 | \$4000 | GETS max: \$10500 |
| RFHS Graduate Studentship (GETS not available) | PI has already utilized entire GETS allocation or not eligible for GETS funding. | \$25000 | \$10500 | \$14500 | N/A |