

Award # 47417
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Type: Scholarship

Dr. Forough Khadem Scholarship

A fund has been established at the University of Manitoba with gifts from family, friends and colleagues to honour the life, spirit and work of Dr. Forough Khadem, who came to Canada from Iran to pursue her PhD in Immunology at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Khadem was a passenger on Flight PS752 when it crashed in Tehran on January 8, 2020, leaving no survivors. The purpose of the scholarship will be to recognize an outstanding international female graduate student at either the Master's or Doctoral level who demonstrates leadership and a desire to have an impact on the world through science, and who embodies a pioneering spirit. Each year, beginning in 2021-2022, the available annual income from the fund will be used to offer one scholarship to a graduate student who:

- (1) is an international student who identifies as female;
- (2) is enrolled full-time in their second year or higher in a thesis-based Master's or Doctoral program offered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies;
- (3) has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study;
- (4) has demonstrated leadership and a desire to have an impact on the world through science, and embodies a pioneering spirit; and
- (5) whose primary advisor is a faculty member of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.

In order to demonstrate how they meet criterion (4), candidates will be required to submit the following:

- (a) a *curriculum vitae*;
- (b) a statement (maximum 500 words) describing their current research; and
- (c) a reference letter from the student's current advisor (maximum 500 words).

The Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will ask the Dean of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences (or designate) to name the selection committee for this award, which will include a donor representative from Dr. Khadem's family.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the donor (or designate) and the University of Manitoba. All such amendments shall be in writing. In the absence of the donor (or designate), and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to consult, 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, December 2, 2020*