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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to announce that the Burns Leadership Institute is now accepting applications for its fifth cohort of the [President's Student Leadership Program \(PSLP\)](#), an annual co-curricular development program that selects some 25 students each year from across faculties, backgrounds, interests, and levels of study.

I am writing to ask you to please invite students in your unit who would be interested and eligible for this unique-in-Canada, interdisciplinary program, to apply **by the deadline, Feb. 19th**. Thank you for sharing this opportunity and shoulder-tapping students to apply; this is appreciated and a key to our success for the PSLP.

The program has attracted excellent participants to date from some 15 disciplines each year, across UM and our partner Manitoba post-secondaries (70% must be from UM), over four annual cohorts. PSLP was created through an endowment to the university and following consultations with the university leadership that a unique experiential and fellowship-funded program would contribute meaningfully to our offerings to students, and to develop future leadership for our community and province.

We seek students with leadership experience, whether formal or informal, and a strong interest in learning more. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible; applicants must not currently be in their final year of study. Applicants require two testimonial letters of which one should be from an academic leader or professor, and the second from a supervisor, manager, Elder or other community leader who knows the student well. The annual cohort reflects Manitoba's diverse student population. The ability to work across boundaries of all types is critical to leadership for the future. Through the program, we aim to create a lasting network of young people who will contribute as leaders in their careers in any field. When the fourth cohort completes their program this spring, we will have 91 students who have participated in PSLP.

Please see the attached posters for more information and to circulate to potential applicants.

The link for further information including the detailed criteria and application process can be found at: <https://umanitoba.ca/asper/programs-of-study/presidents-student-leadership-program>

Sincerely,

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