

Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development – Phase 2 (SEED-2) application

The University of Manitoba (UM)

Thank you for your interest in the University of Manitoba, [the only research-intensive university in Manitoba](#). Please review the following instructions carefully before submitting your application. Application deadline at UM is March 10, 2026 (11:59 CDT).

Application process: please email all required files (including the application form) to Kennis.fung@umanitoba.ca. Please CC your UM supervisor on the application email. Kennis Fung is the only person authorized to submit these applications at UM.

Value and duration: Undergraduate/College: \$10,200 (4 months) or \$15,900 (8 months); and **Graduate (Master's/PhD):** \$10,200 (4 months) or \$12,700 (for 5 to 6 months).

Finding a UM supervisor

1. By research area: https://research.ad.umanitoba.ca/mrt/pubapp/exp_search.php;
2. By department: <https://umanitoba.ca/academics>.

About this form: Please complete all sections **except** sections 2, 3, and 4.

Post-award requirements (the following timelines and fees apply if you are selected)

Acceptance: Confirm acceptance or decline via email to Kennis Fung within 10 days of receiving the results.

Visa application: Be prepared to submit the visa application within 20 days after UM sends the necessary documents and instructions via email.

Application fee: After accepting the award, you must apply as a "Visiting Student Researcher" via the UM online portal asap. Detailed instructions and the link will be provided. The fee is approximately CA\$130. An admission letter will be generated upon successful application, and this letter must be sent to Kennis Fung as soon as it is ready. This admission letter is a required document before Immigration Services at UM can prepare other documents to facilitate the visa application process.

Student fees and other applicable fees: All international Visiting Student Researchers are assessed these fees, and the cost is approximately CA\$475 per regular academic term upon arrival at UM and registration.

Funding and logistics

Disbursement: The scholarship can only be disbursed after scholars arrive in Canada. Processing usually takes a few weeks once the scholars provide their Canadian bank information to UM. Consequently, all awarded scholars must be able to cover their own travel costs and all relevant expenses until their scholarship payments begin.

Compliance: Scholarship disbursement and research at UM requires full compliance with UM Immigration Service documentation.

Arrival timeline: as per Global Affairs Canada, all awarded scholars may arrive in Canada as early as August 1, 2026, or as late as February 1, 2027. However, we highly recommend arriving between January 6 and January 29, 2027, for the following reasons –

Visa: Arriving in January gives the scholars more time to apply for the necessary visa.

Scholarship disbursement: Scholarship payment requires a signed "Contribution Agreement" is signed, and the timeline depends on when the funder provides the agreement.

Holiday closure: UM is closed between December 24, 2026, and January 4, 2027 (inclusive). No relevant UM staff members work during this time.

Processing time: It takes a few weeks to process the first payment after UM receives the banking information from the scholars. Arriving in January ensures UM staff members are available to help the scholars immediately.

Application form

1. PROGRAM

Please select the program and its component.

Component	Write “yes” next to your selection
College / Undergrad – 4 months/1 academic term	
College / Undergrad – 8 months/2 academic term	
Graduate – 4 months/1 academic term (Masters and PhD)	
Graduate – 5 to 6 months (max. 6 months) (Masters and PhD)	

2. CONTACT PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS APPLICATION AT THE CANADIAN INSTITUTION

Who should be contacted about this application?



Canadian Scholarships Program Coordinator



Canadian Academic Supervisor

3. CANADIAN INSTITUTION

Institution **(Mandatory)**: The University of Manitoba

4. CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Salutation **(Mandatory)**

Ms. ▼

First Name **(Mandatory)**

Kennis

Last Name **(Mandatory)**

Fung

Job Title **(Mandatory)**

International

Department/Office **(Mandatory)**

Research &

Phone **(Mandatory)**

204 474 641

Email **(Mandatory)**

kennis.fung@

Preferred Language of Correspondence **(Mandatory)**

☒ English ☐ Français

5. Candidate's home postsecondary institution

Institution name (required): _____

Address (required)

City/Town (required) _____

Province/Territory/State (required) _____

Postal/ZIP code (required, put N/A if it is not applicable) _____

Country (required) _____

6. CANADIAN ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Salutation **(Mandatory)**: _____

First Name **(Mandatory)**: _____

Last Name **(Mandatory)**: _____

Job Title **(Mandatory)**: _____

Department/Office **(Mandatory)**: _____

Phone **(Mandatory)**: _____

Email **(Mandatory)**: _____

Preferred Language of Correspondence **(Mandatory)**

English or French: _____

7. Contact person responsible at the candidate's home institution

Salutation **(Mandatory)**: _____

First Name **(Mandatory)**: _____

Last Name **(Mandatory)**: _____

Job Title **(Mandatory)**: _____

Department/Office **(Mandatory)**: _____

Phone (Mandatory – excluding country code): _____

Email **(Mandatory)**: _____

Preferred language of correspondence (required)

ENGLISH OR FRENCH: _____

8. CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Salutation **(Mandatory)** – such as Ms./Mr./Dr. _____

First Name **(Mandatory)**: _____

Last Name **(Mandatory)**: _____

Gender **(Mandatory)**: _____

Email **(Mandatory)**: _____

Country of citizenship **(Mandatory)**: _____

Degree Sought at Home Institution **(Mandatory – such as undergraduate / Master's / PhD)**:

Field of Study **(Mandatory)**:

Selection	Please write “yes” next to your selection, choose one only
Agriculture and veterinary	
Applied Science, technology, and engineering	
Education, humanities, and arts	
Life and health sciences	
Social sciences, business, and law	
Trades and vocational	

Discipline **(Mandatory – such as chemistry)**: _____

Expected Completion Date of Degree (mm/yyyy) **(Mandatory)**: _____

9. INTENDED SCHOLARSHIP STUDY/RESEARCH

Language of Study at Canadian Host Institution **(Mandatory – English OR French)**:

Expected Start Date of Scholarship (dd/mm/yyyy) **(Mandatory)**:

CHOOSE A START DATE BETWEEN January 6 and January 29, 2027, if possible

Expected End Date of Scholarship (dd/mm/yyyy) **(Mandatory)** – _____

Select the type of exchange activity the candidate will undertake at the Canadian institution (required)

STUDY OR RESEARCH: _____ (you can only choose to study if your home institution has an active student exchange agreement with the University of Manitoba. There is no existing student exchange agreement between the University of Manitoba and HUTECH.)

Provide a summary of the research project or courses to be undertaken (**Maximum 1,000 characters – NOT words**) – only students from the University of Manitoba’s existing student exchange partners can come to the University of Manitoba to take courses under this program. Please check with Kennis Fung if you are unsure.

Language of study at the Canadian institution (required)

ENGLISH OR FRENCH: _____

10. HISTORY OF INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION

Does your Canadian academic institution currently have an agreement (e.g. an MOU, student exchange agreement, or other) with the proposed candidate’s home institution? An agreement is required for study at the undergraduate level. (required) – check with Kennis Fung if unsure.

YES OR NO _____

11. DECLARATION AND PERMISSION

I have checked this application and its supporting documents and certify that all statements contained within it are correct to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the University of Manitoba institutional contact should there be any changes in the information provided in this application. I give the University of Manitoba permission to verify the information I have presented in this application and in all supporting documents.

☐ By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have read this statement and agree to its conditions. **(Mandatory)**

Selected candidates agree to:

- engage in full-time studies or research as defined by the Canadian institution
- follow the instructions from the University of Manitoba and obtain the right permit
- abstain from clinical training or clinically-oriented research involving direct patient-care
- focus primarily on full-time studies or research during their stay in Canada
- return to their home institutions after the scholarship period to complete their studies

Failure to meet these conditions may result in the cancellation of the scholarship.

Additional information

- Scholarships cannot be deferred and are not renewable
- Scholarships are subject to availability of funding from the Government of Canada
- Scholarships are not taxable for either the Canadian institution or the scholarship recipient

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS – INSTRUCTIONS AND DETAILS

- DOCUMENTS MUST BE **LESS THAN 5 MB** in total and meet accepted formats: jpg, gif, pdf, doc, docx, txt. Documents over 5 MB will result in loss of your application data.
- All documents must be in English or French, otherwise a translation must be attached (either by a certified translator or by your home institution).
- Email this form and all required documents to Kenniis.fung@umanitoba.ca and cc your UM supervisor.

Candidate's Proof of Citizenship: passport information page (**Mandatory**) – JPEG/TIFF/PDF

Candidate's Proof of Full-Time Enrollment (**Mandatory**)

- On official letterhead (ideally signed or stamped if possible, if not it should display the name of the department, its address, and its email or phone number at a minimum)
- Dated within the **last six months (i.e. on/after September 24, 2025)**
- Confirms that the candidate is currently enrolled in a full-time program (letters that do not confirm full-time student status will be deemed incomplete and not eligible), the name and level of the program, and when the student is expected to graduate (must be on/after their scheduled last day at UM – for example, if the student is expected to end their experience at UM on June 30, 2027, then their expected graduation date should be AFTER June 30, 2027).
- Transcripts, student, card, or letter of admission are NOT acceptable.

Letter of Intent from the Candidate (**Mandatory, maximum one page, ideally in Word, use smaller font if you need to**)

- Explains the nature of studies or research to be undertaken
- Provides rationale for study in Canada and for the choice of institution, program and supervisor and how the proposed program of study or research will relate to their future career
- Explains how undertaking study or research in Canada will empower the student to apply their learning to address the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Explains how they intend to use their learning to help combat poverty and narrow the development gap in their region in their future career
- Identifies the [Sustainable Development Goal](#) (SDG) their proposed study or research in Canada is aligned with and will contribute to (letters that do not identify an SDG will be deemed incomplete and not eligible)

- Candidates from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste or Vietnam must provide an explanation of how their learning in Canada will help to reduce poverty in their **home country**
- Candidates from Brunei or Singapore must provide an explanation of how their learning in Canada will help to reduce poverty in **one of the other nine ASEAN countries**
- Candidates from Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu or Vanuatu must provide an explanation of how their learning in Canada will help to reduce poverty in their **home country**
- Candidates from the Cook Islands must provide an explanation of how their learning in Canada will help to reduce poverty in **one of the other thirteen eligible Pacific Island Countries**
- Candidates from Mongolia must provide an explanation how their learning in Canada will help to reduce poverty in their **home country**

Letter of Support from the Candidate's Home Institution (**Mandatory and maximum one page**)

- On official letterhead (ideally signed or stamped if possible, if not it should display the name of the department, its address, and its email or phone number)
- Dated within the last six months (**i.e. on/after September 24, 2025**)
- From the candidate's instructor, professor or director of the international office
- Explains the nature of study or research to be undertaken in Canada and how the candidate and the home institution will benefit from this scholarship program
- Assesses the candidate's commitment and capacity to use the program of study or research in Canada to help combat poverty and narrow the development gap in their country or region
- Skills/merits/achievements of the candidate

Letter of Invitation from the Canadian Supervisor (**Mandatory, maximum one page**)

- On institutional letterhead (ideally signed or stamped if possible, if not it should display the name of the department, its address, and its email or phone number at a minimum)
- Dated within the last six months (**i.e. on/after September 24, 2025**)
- Signed by the Canadian supervisor
- Describes the nature and scope of the research collaboration with the student's home institution
- Confirms their willingness to support and mentor the candidate during the period
- Explains how the Canadian institution, supervisor and peers will benefit from the exchange
- Confirms that tuition fees are waived when there is no MOU/existing agreement in force (check with Kennis Fung)

Privacy Notice Statement Signed by Candidate (**Mandatory**): a copy of the [Privacy Notice Statement for non-Canadian participants](#) must be signed by the candidate and dated within the last six months.

Signed copy of Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement with the Partner Institution

(Recommended but not required) – Kennis has a copy of the signed MOU. There is no need to submit the MOU.