

May 20, 2020

Dear fellow graduate students,

Applications for the **2020-2021 University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association Awards (UMGSA)** are now open. In the following pages, you will find instructions for completing the application process and the Terms of Reference for the Awards. Application forms for the Teaching Award can be downloaded directly at www.umgsa.org/teaching-award/.

Please review all materials carefully before beginning the process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any step of the process at vpa@umgsa.org. The deadline for the receipt of application materials is **Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 4pm**. Students interested in nominating themselves for a student award, and/or their professor for the teaching award, are welcome to submit the relevant application form(s) directly by email to vpa@umgsa.org. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Rubel Chandra Talukder
Vice-President Academic
University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association

Instructions for Submitting the Graduate Teaching Award Nomination Form

1. Read the application instructions on page two of this document.
2. Read the terms of references on page three of this document.
3. Go to www.umgsa.org/teaching-award/ to download the application form.
 1. Complete the application form electronically.
 4. Save the nominee's curriculum vitae (maximum five pages, listing the graduate courses taught, the graduate students advised and any graduate advisory committees) **as one PDF file**, including page numbers on this and all additional pages.
 5. Attach **two** letters of recommendation from graduate students (maximum of two authors per letter of recommendation).
 6. E-mail the completed nomination form, CV, and the two recommendation letters, all saved as a single PDF file, to **vpa@umgsa.org** with the subject line "**UMGSA Teaching Award Application**".

Status of your Nomination

Only completed applications will be considered for processing. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Vice-President Academic receives a complete application by **Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 4 PM.**

The University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association Awards Committee understands and respects the need for confidentiality in evaluation processes. Once an application has been successfully received by the Vice-President Academic, all materials contained therein will be property of the Graduate Students' Association Awards Committee until the close of the competition, after which they will be destroyed. The Chair of the Graduate Students' Association Awards Committee will notify successful nominees by email. The successful nominees will be recognized on UMGSA.org, and in the UMGSA Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Vice-President Academic by email at vpa@umgsa.org, or during office hours at 204-474-9181.

Terms of Reference of the UMGSA Teaching Award

These Terms of Reference are based upon the principles outlined in The University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association Bylaws and have been developed and ratified by the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association Awards Committee as the governing document for the operations of the committee.

The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals who have made, in the estimate of their graduate students, a significant contribution to their teaching profession. **Registered students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies are not eligible for this award.** The award will include a cash prize of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and a scroll given at Fall Convocation during the following academic year to commemorate the honour. **Graduate students are encouraged to nominate their thesis advisor, a seminar or course instructor, or a faculty member with whom they have conducted research.** The UMGSA Awards Committee is interested in selecting individuals who display a dedication to knowledge and sensitivity to their students and the student community. In order to properly assess the impact of the nominee, the UMGSA Awards Committee requires that the nominating student provide the following:

1. One completed Graduate Teaching Award Form (Parts I & II).
2. One curriculum vitae (maximum 5 pages) that includes:
 - I. selected list of graduate courses taught;
 - II. a selected list of graduate students advised;
 - III. a selected list of graduate advisory committees.
3. **Two** letters of recommendation from current or former graduate students (maximum of two authors per letter of recommendation).

To be eligible, the nominee should be an individual **who has spent at least two years as a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Manitoba and is currently engaged in such activities at the time of nomination.** The nominee must be teaching graduate level courses at the time of nomination. **Due to COVID-19 health crisis, this year's Awards Luncheon is postponed until further notification. All Awards recipients will get email notification should there be an Awards Luncheon in Fall-2020.**