

# Research Manitoba and our partners are pleased to announce the results below for the 2022 GRANTS & AWARDS COMPETITION

# **Master's Studentship Competition**

Partnered with the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba, George & Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation, Health Sciences Centre Foundation, Manitoba Lung Association, and University of Manitoba WM Ross Scholarship

#### **SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES**

All Studentships are valued at \$12,000

Name: Emily Unger

Institution & Department: University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Masters of Environment

and Social Change

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Building Adaptive Capacity Through Community Energy Planning in Eagle Lake First Nation

Name: Patrick Carty

Institution & Department: University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Science, Department of Environmental Studies

and Sciences (DESS)

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: The Role of Traditional Knowledge in Building Adaptive Capacity in Northern Forest-Based Communities

Name: Winter Dawn Lipscombe

Institution & Department: University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Economics

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Northern Infrastructure And Food Prices: To What Extent Does Road Connectivity Reduce Food Prices

*In Northern Indigenous Communities?* 

Name: Alyssa Romaniuk

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts, Department of Psychology

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Predicting Family Quality of Life in Parents of Children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity

Name: Alexis Koffman

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts, Department of Psychology

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Neural Oscillatory Coupling Reflecting Morphological Awareness in Children with Dyslexia

Name: Kaeley Simpson

**Institution & Department**: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts, Department of Psychology

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Promoting Mental Health in Families During COVID-19: An Analysis of How Online Social Support

Forum Usage Impacts Maternal Depression and Parenting

Name: Rachel Roy

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts, Department of Psychology

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Facilitators and barriers to mental health service utilization for parents of children with autism spectrum

disorders

Name: Craig Hillier

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title:** The effects of a savouring intervention among adolescent athletes

#### **NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING**

#### All Studentships are valued at \$12,000

Name: Anouska Agarwal

Institution & Department: University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Science, Bioscience, Technology and Public Policy Program

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Role of Micro-RNAs in the Pathogenesis of the White Nose Syndrome in Myotis lucifugus

Name: Amelia Kacperkiewicz

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Science, Department of Chemistry

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Synthesis and Characterization of Sustainable Cr(III) and Mn(II) Metal Complexes for Harvesting Solar Energy

Name: Nathalie Turenne

**Institution & Department**: University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Graduate Studies

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Spectroscopy of modern low-temperature Mq-carbonate precipitates near Atlin, British

Columbia, Canada: Relevance to Jezero crater, Mars

Name: Matthew Van Schepdael

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Science, Department of Microbiology

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Structural and biochemical characterization of type VI secretion system membrane protein

effector loading by Eag chaperones

Name: Rosemary Minns

Institution & Department: University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Science, Department of Biology

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Effects of elevating carbon dioxide levels on alarm cue response

Name: Youssef Ekladuce

**Institution & Department**: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts, Department of Psychology

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship

Funding Amount: \$12,000

Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Eye-Hand Coordination: Visuomotor System's Sensitivity to Directionality Bias of Moving Objects

# SOCIAL/POPULATION HEALTH

#### All Studentships are valued at \$12,000 unless otherwise specified below

Name: Elizabeth Agnew Kazina

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, College of Nursing

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$17,850 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by CancerCare Manitoba

**Project Title**: Effectiveness of cancer patient navigation on diagnostic resolution and treatment initiation

in Manitoba cancer patients

Name: Emma Sandstrom

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Community

Health Sciences (Medicine)

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: An Exploration of How Violence is Conceptualized in HIV Research and Programming for Adolescent

Girls and Young Women Who Sell Sex in Ukraine

Name: Andrea Toews

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, College of Nursing

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Healthcare Providers' Experiences of In-Hospital Resuscitation

Name: Hera Joanna Mariz Casidsid

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Community

Health Sciences (Medicine)

**Program**: 2022 Master's Studentship **Funding Amount**: \$17,850 for 1 year

**Funded By**: Cost shared with Research Manitoba and Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM) **Project Title**: The association between the Healthy Baby program and postpartum depression among women in

Manitoba: A retrospective cohort study

Name: Emily Brownell

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Community

Health Sciences (Medicine)

**Program**: 2022 Master's Studentship **Funding Amount**: \$17,850 for 1 year

Funded By: Cost shared with Research Manitoba and Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM)

Project Title: First Nations women's experiences with perinatal care in Northern Manitoba

#### **HEALTH – BASIC BIOMEDICAL**

All Studentships are valued at \$12,000 unless otherwise specified below

Name: Zachary McAllister

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Human Anatomy and Cell Science (Medicine)

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: An investigation into the different neurophysiological and behavioral effects of the tDCS

when applied to the left vs. right dorsolateral prefrontal cortex

Name: Maria Astrid Bravo Jimenez

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Physiology and Pathophysiology (Medicine)

**Program**: 2022 Master's Studentship **Funding Amount**: \$17,850 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM)

**Project Title**: Investigating the role of lysosomal activity and unfolded protein response in regulating

oligodendrocytes in multiple sclerosis

Name: Morgan Taverner

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Medical Microbiology (Medicine)

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship

Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Investigating the mechanistic effects of oral ASA treatment on HIV susceptibility

Name: Amr Abostait

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Targeted lipid nanoparticles for transplacental delivery of microRNA to correct fetal lung anomalies

Name: Meher Kantroo

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

**Project Title**: Investigating the role of astrocyte NMDA receptors in gliotransmission

Name: Maryana Kutuzova

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Physiology

and Pathophysiology (Medicine)

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship

Funding Amount: \$17,850 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM)

Project Title: Examining maternal and genetic influences on the development of diabetic kidney disease

Name: Judah Zammit

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Science, Department of Computer Science

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$17,850 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by CancerCare Manitoba

Project Title: Deep Learning-based Tensor Completion Models for Anti-Cancer Drug Combination Discovery

Name: Rubi Campos Gudiño

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Biochemistry and Medical Genetics (Medicine)

**Program**: 2022 Master's Studentship **Funding Amount**: \$17,850 for 1 year

Funded By: Cost shared with Research Manitoba and CancerCare Manitoba

Project Title: Evaluating the Effects Reduced EMI1 Expression has on Chromosome Stability and Cellular

Transformation in Colorectal Cancer

Name: Christian Humphreys

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Pharmacology and Therapeutics (Medicine) **Program**: 2022 Master's Studentship

Funding Amount: \$12,000

Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Mechanism of Panx2 channel activation in response to calcium store depletion

Name: Reid Opperman

Institution & Department: Brandon University, Faculty of Science, Department of Biology

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Investigating the Effects of miRNA on Cancer Stem Cell Reprogramming in Senescent Breast

Cancer

Name: Ally Farrell

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Graduate Studies

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$17,850 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by CancerCare Manitoba

Project Title: Exploiting the Underlying Defects of High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer to Develop Novel Therapeutic

**Strategies** 

Name: Morgan Hiebert

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Medical

Microbiology (Medicine)

**Program**: 2022 Master's Studentship **Funding Amount**: \$12,000 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Lung Association, Manitoba

**Project Title**: Characterizing novel mutations that confer drug resistance in Mycobacterium tuberculosis infections (TB)

Name: Chelsea Lukawy

**Institution & Department**: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Immunology (Medicine)

**Program**: 2022 Master's Studentship **Funding Amount**: \$12,000 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Lung Association, Manitoba

Project Title: The Impact of PlexinD1 Deficiency on IL-10 Expression in Lung Interstitial Macrophages

Name: Chioma Nwachukwu

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Physiology and Pathophysiology (Medicine)
Program: 2022 Master's Studentship
Funding Amount: \$12,000 for 1 year
Funded By: 100% by Research Manitoba

Project Title: Characterization Of Sympathetic Preganglionic Neuron Activity During Fictive Locomotion

in the In-Vitro Neonatal Mouse Spinal Cord

Name: Viboushann Arunasalam

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Human Anatomy and Cell Science (Medicine)

Program: 2022 Master's Studentship Funding Amount: \$17,850 for 1 year Funded By: 100% by CancerCare Manitoba

**Project Title**: Contribution of IRE1 to Cytokine/Chemokine Production Post-Chemotherapy in Triple-

Negative Breast Cancer Cells

# PhD in Health Research Studentship Competition

Partnered with the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba, and George & Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation

# **SOCIAL/POPULATION HEALTH**

Name: Muditha Bodawatte Gedara

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Community Health Sciences (Medicine)

Program: 2022 PhD in Health Research Studentship

Funding Amount: \$35,000 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by George and Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation

Project Title: Machine-Learning Methods to Investigate Heterogeneity in Longitudinal Patient-Reported

**Outcome Measures** 

Name: Nicole Brunton

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Pediatrics and Child Health (Medicine)

Program: 2022 PhD in Health Research Studentship

Funding Amount: \$17,850 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM)

**Project Title**: Is exposure to diabetes in utero causally associated with hypertension in offspring? A

triangulation approach

#### **HEALTH - BASIC BIOMEDICAL**

Name: Gideon Ong

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Human Anatomy and Cell Science (Medicine)

**Program**: 2022 PhD in Health Research Studentship

Funding Amount: \$17,850 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by CancerCare Manitoba

**Project Title**: Exploring the Role of Crosstalk between IRE1 and PERK in Triple Negative Breast Cancer

Name: Logan Froese

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Engineering

Program: 2022 PhD in Health Research Studentship

Funding Amount: \$17,850 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Health Sciences Centre Foundation

Project Title: Impact of Sedation and Vasopressors on in vivo Cerebrovascular Reactivity in Adult

Moderate/-Severe Traumatic Brain Injury

# **Health Research Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition**

Partnered with the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba, and George & Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation

### **SOCIAL/POPULATION HEALTH**

Name: Leah Crockett

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Pediatrics and

Child Health (Medicine)

Program: 2022 Health Research Postdoctoral Fellowship

Funding Amount: \$44,100 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM)

Project Title: Implementing strategies to improve pediatric readiness in Manitoba Emergency Departments: a

randomized-control trial (RCT)

Name: Tasmia Hai

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts, Department of Psychology

Program: 2022 Health Research Postdoctoral Fellowship

Funding Amount: \$44,100 for 1 year

Funded By: 100% by Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM)

**Project Title**: Predictors of Self-Regulation skills and Externalizing Behaviours in Children participating in the BEAM Program

# **New Investigator Operating Grant Competition**

#### **SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES**

Name: Ellen Watson

Institution & Department: Brandon University, Faculty of Education, Department of Teacher Education

**Program**: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant **Funding Amount**: \$30,107.92, over 2 years

Project Title: Exploring Factors and Experiences that Teachers Attribute to the Development of Epistemic Beliefs

about Science Knowledge

Name: Cameron Hauseman

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Education, Department of Educational

Administration, Foundations and Psychology **Program**: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant **Funding Amount**: \$36,119.61, over 2 years

Project Title: Elementary School Principals' Work and Workload

Name: Joe Curnow

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Education, Department of Educational

Administration, Foundations and Psychology **Program**: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$39,780, over 2 years

Project Title: Learning from, with, and towards Abolitionist Imaginaries: Funding Collaborative Data

Analysis to Support Community Activist Learning

Name: Jillian Seniuk Cicek

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Price Faculty of Engineering, Department of Design

Engineering

**Co-Applicant Name:** Kari Zacharias

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Price Faculty of Engineering, Centre for Engineering

Professional Practice and Engineering Education **Program**: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$40,000, over 2 years

Project Title: Critical Participatory Technological Development with Indigenous Communities: A Comparative

Study in Engineering Education in Canada and Brazil

#### **NATURAL SCIENCES & ENGINEERING**

Name: Lorenzo Livi

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Science, Department of Computer Science

Program: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$50,000, over 2 years

**Project Title**: Hypergraphs Neural Networks for Enhanced Drug Design and Optimization

Name: Nandika Bandara

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Department of

Food and Human Nutritional Sciences

Program: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$50,000, over 2 years

**Project Title:** Novel and Sustainable Technologies for Protein Ingredient Development and Functionalization

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Name: Yannick Molgat-Seon

Institution & Department: University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Kinesiology and Applied Health

Program: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$50,000, over 2 years

**Project Title**: Determining the effect of sex-differences in respiratory system morphology on

respiratory

Name: Miguel Uyaguari

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Science, Department of Microbiology

**Program**: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$25,000, over 2 years

**Project Title**: Analyses of the phageome and resistome of a First Nation community wastewater

treatment facility for development of an aquatic health monitoring tool

#### **HEALTH - BASIC BIOMEDICAL**

Name: Peter Thompson

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Physiology and Pathophysiology (Medicine) **Program**: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$130,000, over 2 years

Project Title: Investigating immunotherapy and beta cell targeted approaches for treating Type 1

Diabetes

Name: Galen Wright

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Pharmacology and Therapeutics (Medicine)

Program: 2022 New Inves gator Opera ng Grant

Funding Amount: \$130,000, over 2 years

**Project Title:** Identification of causal genetic variants and genes in neuromuscular disorders

Name: Deanna Santer

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of

Immunology (Medicine)

Program: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$129,134, over 2 years

**Project Title**: Investigating the regulation of human adaptive immune responses by type III interferons

# **SOCIAL/POPULATION HEALTH**

Name: Sherif Eltonsy

Institution & Department: University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, College of

Pharmacy **Program**: 2022 New Investigator Operating Grant

Funding Amount: \$130,000, over 2 years

Project Title: Comparative Safety and Uptake Determinants of COVID-19 Vaccines during Pregnancy

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If you would like more information about the Research Manitoba **2022 GRANTS & AWARDS COMPETITION RESULTS,** please contact:

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