

# Awards & Financial Aid

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# **About Us**

The Awards & Financial Aid Office supports the access and excellence mandate of The University of Winnipeg with a comprehensive range of funding options.

- We connect students with funding opportunities both internal and external to the University.
- We navigate government student aid programs and help students complete applications for funding.
- We distribute over \$6 million in scholarships, awards and bursaries and roughly \$20 million in annual government student aid to assist our students with their education costs.



# Types of Funding

#### The most common sources of funding for our students include:

- UWinnipeg Awards The University of Winnipeg offers both "Application-Required" and "Automatic" awards.
- Government Student Aid more than just loans; many students qualify for bursaries & grants which you don't have to pay back.
- **Sponsorship** can come from First Nations Band Councils, Manitoba Metis Federation, Manitobans With Disabilities, employers and more.
- Employment many students choose to work part-time while in school. However, consider how many hours you will need to dedicate to courses. For each course you take, expect to spend up to 3 hours studying for every 1 hour of lecture.
- External Awards private companies, professional associations, and community organizations provide a range of awards with varying criteria.



# **UWinnipeg Awards**



# **UWinnipeg Awards 101**

#### **Terminology**

- Bursaries are awarded to students who demonstrate financial need (GPA >2.0).
- Awards are given to students based on financial need and academic achievement (GPA >2.5).
- **Scholarships** are awarded for academic achievement (GPA > 3.0).

#### **Timing of Awards**

- Entrance Awards for students who are new to UW and have not taken credits or completed a UW degree. Offered once at the start of your UW journey. Some entrance awards are renewable/multi-year awards. Deadline: March 1
- In-Course Awards for students currently attending UW. Generally will require at least 30 credit hours be completed. Offered primarily in fall term. Bursary support is available every term. Deadlines: October 1 for fall term; February 1 for winter term; June 1 for spring term.
- Department Awards most departments offer their own awards and are given to students with a
  declared major. Offered primarily in the fall term. Deadlines: vary.



### **Entrance Awards**

#### **Special Entrance Scholarships (SES)**

#### To qualify:

- Students must have at least an 85% final Grade 12 grade average
- Submit a complete application for admission including payment by March 1, 2021
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours for the Fall/Winter terms of 2021-22

#### **Scholarship Values:**

• 85.0 - 89.9% \$1,100

• 90.0 - 94.9% \$1,750

• 95.0%+ \$2,250

#### When you will be notified:

- 1-2 months after receipt of your offer of admission eligible students will receive a conditional scholarship offer based on interim Grade 12 grades.
- Late August/early September 2021 once final Grade 12 grades have been received, all
  eligible registered students will be notified of their final scholarship offer.



### **Entrance Awards**

#### Advanced Placement (AP) & International Baccalaureate (IB) Transfer Credit Scholarships

Students who are admitted to the University of Winnipeg directly from high school and choose to transfer Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate examination results as credit towards their undergraduate studies will receive a scholarship.

How to apply: submit a completed Request for University Credit no later than October 31, 2021.

- Advanced Placement Request for University Credit Form [PDF]
- International Baccalaureate Request for University Credit Form [PDF]

#### Values:

- \$250 for each AP exam result of 5
- \$150 for each AP exam result of 4
- \$250 for each IB final result of 7 on higher level papers
- \$200 for each IB final result of 6 on higher level papers and 7 on standard level papers
- \$150 for each IB final result of 5 on higher level papers



# In-Course Awards

In-Course awards are for students currently attending The University of Winnipeg. Awards are available for undergraduate, graduate, and PACE students. Unless otherwise stated, in-course awards are open to all students - domestic and international. All students are welcome to apply for consideration.

There are hundreds of awards available for all types of students from different backgrounds, departments and faculties. Minimum GPA requirements, demonstrated financial need, and extracurricular activities are just some of the criteria for these awards. Some in-course awards require the completion of first year (at least 30 credit hours) in order to be considered.

|                               | Bursaries      | Awards         | Scholarships   |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Required GPA                  | 2.0 or greater | 2.5 or greater | 3.0 or greater |
| Financial Need                | $\checkmark$   | $\checkmark$   | _              |
| Academic<br>Achievement       | _              | <b>√</b>       | $\checkmark$   |
| Extracurricular<br>Activities | <b>√</b>       | <b>√</b>       | $\checkmark$   |



# **In-Course Awards**

#### When should I apply?

The majority of our in-course awards are offered in the Fall term. However, the University of Winnipeg opens applications for its Opportunity Fund Bursary and General Bursary in Fall, Winter, and Spring terms.

Visit **Key Dates** for all UW award application open and close dates.

#### How much can I expect to receive?

The value for in-course awards ranges from \$100 to over \$10,000.

#### How do I apply?

Applying for in-course awards for the 2021-22 academic is made easy through our online application!



# **ONLINE APPLICATION**



# **Additional Funding Sources**



### **External Awards**

Some examples of awards targeted to indigenous students include:

- The Business Council of Manitoba Aboriginal Education Awards
- Louis Riel Institute Bursaries
- Indspire

There are a variety of organizations, employers, and private companies who offer scholarships and awards to students pursuing a post-secondary education.

Check out a list of External Awards links available through our awards webpage:

https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/awards/external-awards



# Work-Study Program

The Work-Study Program assists students with financial need by offering valuable work experience on campus with flexible part-time hours that work around your school schedule. The program offers employment from October to March each year.

Some examples of Work-Study positions:

- Research Assistant
- Assistant Technician
- Office Assistant

Open to students registered in full-time studies an undergraduate or graduate program at The University of Winnipeg who have completed 30 credit hours at an undergraduate level at The University of Winnipeg (or equivalent).



# **Government Student Aid**



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#### **How it Works**

- Apply through the program available in your province of residence.
  - Manitoba Student Aid: https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/
- You will be assessed for both provincial and federal student aid programs through a single application.
- Financial aid is based on a formula that compares educational costs to expected contributions, income and assets
- Applications are made available in June of each year.
- Amounts will vary based on individual circumstances
- Submit an application every academic session (Fall/Winter & Spring/Summer).



# **Government Student Aid**

#### **Benefits of Government Student Aid**

- Not just loans! Generous grant assistance is now available.
- No interest or payments on loans while you are a full-time student
- No co-signer or collateral required
- Students can work and receive Manitoba Student Aid (MSA) at the same time.
- Assistance is available if you experience financial hardships during repayment. There is currently 0% interest when repaying Manitoba Student Loans.

For more information visit: <a href="www.canlearn.ca">www.canlearn.ca</a>



# **Contact Us**

### We are here to help!

- Email: <u>awards@uwinnipeg.ca</u>
- Phone: (204) 786-9459
- Phone or Zoom Appointments available Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00pm



# Thank you for attending our presentation!

Good luck with your studies!