



**LIQUOR, GAMING & CANNABIS**  
AUTHORITY OF MANITOBA

# scholarships FOR research

Up to **\$10,000** available for  
graduate students in Manitoba  
conducting research on:

**ALCOHOL,  
GAMBLING,  
or  
CANNABIS**

## OVERVIEW

The multidisciplinary fields of alcohol and gambling research have grown significantly in Manitoba over the last decade. Similarly, we expect that cannabis research will increase significantly in the years following legalization. To support the development of research capacity in these fields, the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba (LGCA) offers a scholarship for graduate students conducting alcohol, gambling or cannabis research at any post-secondary institution in Manitoba.

## MISSION

The LGCA serves the public interest by regulating liquor, gaming and cannabis in a respectful, impartial and balanced manner. Please visit [LGCAMB.ca](http://LGCAMB.ca) for an overview of the LGCA's broad regulatory responsibilities and activities, including its current research.

## OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the LGCA's graduate scholarship is to build research capacity in Manitoba by providing financial support to students who undertake projects related to the LGCA's regulatory mandate as part of their graduate studies.

## VALUE AND DURATION

MASTER'S STUDENTS	\$5,000 for one year
DOCTORAL STUDENTS	\$10,000 for one year, renewable for a second year (conditional upon research accomplishments <sup>1</sup> and contingent on available funding)

Scholarships are intended to support students during the time they are conducting their graduate research. They are not research grants and are not to be used to fund administrative or operational costs of research projects.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be registered in a full-time graduate program at a recognized Manitoba post-secondary institution. Research must be original and cannot consist solely of a literature review.

Graduate scholarships are available only to students registered in programs of study that include significant research training<sup>2</sup>; students registered in course-based programs are not eligible to apply. A faculty supervisor possessing both a record of productive research and sufficient resources to ensure satisfactory conduct must sponsor and provide direct supervision of the applicant.

Applicants may be from any discipline, provided that their research is substantively related to the broad regulatory mandate of the LGCA. In keeping with this mandate, eligible projects will focus on one or more of the following areas:

- alcohol, gambling or cannabis policy
- alcohol, gambling or cannabis social marketing
- lower-risk drinking, gambling or cannabis use
- factors influencing alcohol consumption, gambling or cannabis use
- informed choice as related to alcohol consumption, gambling or cannabis use
- consumer protection
- First Nations gaming

Graduate scholarships are not available to students conducting research in areas that fall outside of the LGCA's regulatory mandate (e.g., treatment of alcohol or cannabis dependence or problem gambling).

Graduate scholarships are available to Canadian and international students; however, successful applicants must remain residents of Manitoba throughout the tenure of their scholarships.

<sup>1</sup> At the time of receiving their first scholarship cheque, doctoral scholarship recipients will also be provided with a list of conditions that must be met for them to renew the scholarship for a second year.

<sup>2</sup> Research training normally involves completing course work in research methods and/or statistics appropriate for the discipline or field of study; acquiring knowledge and experience sufficient to assess and interpret research and scholarship in the field; and demonstrating the ability to conduct original research by the completion of a thesis or dissertation.

## SCHEDULE

The LGCA holds one scholarship solicitation each year.

Applicants must submit one copy of their application by mail or courier to:

**Research Analyst**  
**Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba**  
**1055 Milt Stegall Drive**  
**Winnipeg, MB R3G 0Z6**

The LGCA will confirm receipt of applications by email.

Full applications must be received by **4:00 p.m. central time on November 1** (“submission deadline”). If November 1 falls on a weekend, applications must be received in full by the first business day after November 1.

Successful applicants will be notified of the evaluation committee’s decision within four weeks following the submission deadline. Successful applicants will have two weeks following this notice to formally accept the scholarship in writing.

Students apply to receive funding that starts in the winter term of the academic year. 50% of the funding will be disbursed following the winter term withdrawal deadline at the student’s post-secondary institution. The balance will be disbursed immediately following the next term’s withdrawal deadline. Funds will be issued directly by the LGCA in the form of a cheque.

## SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

The following documents are required for an application to be considered:

- completed graduate scholarship application form
- research proposal
- copy of the applicant’s current curriculum vitae
- certified copies of all graduate transcripts
- academic reference letters (one from the applicant’s faculty supervisor)

See “Attachments” on page 4 for details.

## APPLICATION REVIEW

Applications are assessed by an evaluation committee that may include external reviewers. The evaluation committee has full purview for assessing the degree to which a given application meets the evaluation criteria. The evaluation committee’s decisions are final and may not be appealed by applicants. Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to contact the LGCA for feedback regarding their applications.

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria and corresponding weights:

- **Academic excellence (30%)**: As demonstrated through the curriculum vitae and academic reference letters.
- **Research potential (30%)**: This includes an applicant’s communications skills, analytical and critical thinking skills, and related work experience, as demonstrated through the research proposal, curriculum vitae and academic reference letters.
- **Nature of the proposed research (40%)**: This includes the quality and originality of the proposed research, the overall fit of the research with the LGCA’s mandate and the potential contribution to knowledge in the alcohol, gambling or cannabis research fields, as demonstrated through the research proposal and academic reference letters.

## DELIVERABLES

Successful applicants are expected to share their findings with the broader academic community, either through a presentation at an academic conference and/or by producing a paper for publication.

Theses, dissertations and papers produced as a result of the research must include the following disclaimer, “*This research was supported by a scholarship from the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba; however, the findings and conclusions of this paper are those solely of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the views of the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba.*”

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the LGCA’s Research Analyst at 204-927-5324, Manitoba only toll-free 1-800-782-0363, or by email at [research@LGCamb.ca](mailto:research@LGCamb.ca).

## APPLICATION

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APARTMENT/UNIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITIZENSHIP:  CANADIAN CITIZEN  PERMANENT RESIDENT  STUDENT VISA

### EDUCATION

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT AND/OR FACULTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM:  MA  MSc  PhD  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY SUPERVISOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY SUPERVISOR'S POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN DID YOU BEGIN YOUR PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO COMPLETE YOUR PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_  
YYYY/MM YYYY/MM

RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC REFEREES

Name the two individuals who will be submitting academic reference letters on your behalf. Your faculty supervisor must provide one of the references.

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENTS

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All attachments must be submitted to the LGCA by the November 1, 4:00 p.m. Central Time deadline.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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Attach a detailed research proposal that includes the following:

- a description of your proposed research
- why you are pursuing this research
- how your research will contribute to increasing knowledge related to alcohol, gambling and/or cannabis
- what stage you are at in your research progress
- any approvals you have/need (e.g., ethics approval, proposal defense, etc.)

Your research proposal must not exceed two letter-sized pages. References may be included on an additional page.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Attach your curriculum vitae that includes the following information where applicable:

- relevant work history
- any academic awards/funding sources
- a list of any publications, including the name of the journal in which they were published
- a list of any conference presentations and the name and city of the conference at which you presented
- any relevant volunteering or committee involvement

Your curriculum vitae must not exceed two letter-sized pages.

## GRADUATE TRANSCRIPTS

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Graduate transcripts must be certified copies that are sealed in an envelope by the institution.

Transcripts should be sent in hard copy directly from the issuing post-secondary institution(s) to the address on page 2, postmarked no later than 4:00 p.m. central time on the submission deadline.

Photocopies, unofficial web copies and opened envelopes will not be accepted.

## TWO ACADEMIC REFERENCE LETTERS

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Applicants must submit two academic reference letters, with one from the applicant's faculty supervisor. Both reference letters must speak to the applicant's academic performance, research potential, and the viability of the proposed research.

Referees may email their reference letters directly to [research@LGCAMB.ca](mailto:research@LGCAMB.ca). Physical copies must be received in a sealed envelope with the referee's signature across the seal.

## DECLARATION

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I have read and understand the guidelines for the LGCA graduate scholarship and declare that:

- a. I accept the general conditions governing the scholarship, as set out in the guidelines;
- b. All information provided in this application is true and complete;
- c. I authorize the LGCA to use the information collected to assess my suitability to receive a scholarship;
- d. I authorize the LGCA to contact my references for additional information, if necessary; and,
- e. If I receive a scholarship, I authorize the LGCA to publicly release my name, post-secondary institution, program of study, research project title and the amount of scholarship awarded.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MM/DD/YYYY

## PRIVACY NOTICE

The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba (LGCA) is collecting your personal information for the purposes of assessing your suitability to receive a scholarship. Your personal information will only be used by the LGCA to process your application. If successful, your name, post-secondary institution, program of study, research project title and the amount of scholarship awarded will be made public and posted at LGCAMB.ca.

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, the LGCA will follow up with you to collect your social insurance number (SIN) and address. Your SIN and address will be provided to the Manitoba Department of Finance, a third-party outside the LGCA. The Manitoba Department of Finance is responsible for issuing the scholarship cheques. As scholarships are considered income, your SIN and address are required for the Manitoba Department of Finance to issue you a T4A tax slip.

Your personal information is protected by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The LGCA cannot use or disclose your personal information for other purposes, unless you consent or the LGCA is authorized to do so by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

If you have any questions or concerns about the LGCA's collection of your personal information, please contact the LGCA's Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Coordinator at [FIPPAcoordinator@LGCAMB.ca](mailto:FIPPAcoordinator@LGCAMB.ca), or 204-927-5300 or 1-800-782-0363 (Manitoba only)