

Award # 24922
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Award type: scholarship

Susan Wright Bell Award for the Study of Developmental Disabilities

A donor who wishes to remain anonymous established an endowment fund in honour of Susan Wright Bell, a friend with a developmental disability. The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative has made a matching contribution to this fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship support to students undertaking study in the area of developmental disabilities. Each year, beginning in 2003-2004, the available annual income from the fund will be used to offer one scholarship to a student who:

- (1) is enrolled full-time either:
 - (a) as an undergraduate student, in the Max Rady College of Medicine or as a postgraduate student in the Family Medicine Residency program or International Medical Graduates Program; or
 - (b) as a graduate student, in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in the Department of Psychology or in the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program;
- (2) is undertaking or has proposed to undertake a study in the area of developmental disability specifically at the St. Amant Centre in Winnipeg; and
- (3) shows great promise as a researcher/practitioner in this area.

In order to demonstrate how they meet criteria (2) and (3), candidates must submit an application to the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Manitoba which:

- (a) shows how the proposed research will provide a deeper knowledge and understanding of the chosen topic;
- (b) shows how the candidate intends to share their findings with academic and public audiences;
- (c) states the name, title, and affiliation of the study supervisor and a letter of support from the supervisor which will indicate how the supervisor proposes to be accessible to the applicant for the period of the study;
- (d) shows the proposal demonstrates thoroughness in its preparation; and
- (e) has a declared commitment statement to pursue work in the area of developmental disabilities as a significant component of their future career.

The Department Head of Family Medicine will name the selection committee for this award and will include the Associate Dean of Research of the Max Rady College of Medicine, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the Max Rady College of Medicine, the Chair of the Research Committee of the Manitoba College of Family Physicians, the Director of Research at St. Amant Centre, the Director of Postgraduate Medical Education in Family Medicine, and the Chair of Graduate Studies in Psychology (or respected designates). A majority will constitute a quorum. If a graduate student is selected, the results will be reported through the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate).

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the donor (or designate) and the University of Manitoba. All such amendments shall be in writing. In the absence of the donor (or designate), and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to consult, the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

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