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Dear University of Manitoba Undergraduate Student:

Wondering what to do the summer of 2021? Why not experience research with a professor at your own university? Professors at the University of Manitoba through their research, scholarly work and creative activities are contributing to the cultural, economic, health and social well-being of citizens of Manitoba, Canada and the world. Professors work individually or in teams to analyze challenging and complex issues to make our lives better and more meaningful. They collectively bring nearly \$200 million from external sources, on a competitive basis, to support their research, scholarly work and creative activities and to nurture young minds to become trailblazers, pioneers, and innovators.

About the Undergraduate Research Award

The Office of the Vice-President, Research and International, in partnership with the University of Manitoba Student Union (UMSU) is pleased to offer this exciting opportunity for up to 172 students. The award provides the opportunity for you to be mentored by a professor of your choice for 16 weeks (May 3 – August 20), and gain valuable experience in your field of interest. Recipients also receive a \$7000 money award.

Of the 170 awards available, up to 17 awards will be dedicated to students who self-declare as Canadian Indigenous Students (First Nations, Métis, Inuit). There will also be up to two awards given to students working on community-based research projects with a University of Manitoba professor. To be considered eligible for this opportunity, applicants must confirm with their professor that the research is community-based research and indicate this by checking the appropriate box on the application form. All community-based research projects must fit within disciplines supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Additional community-based research projects may be supported through the main competition, subject to final selection of successful applicants.

Who is eligible?

- U of M students enrolled in 24 credit hours over the Fall and Winter terms at the voluntary withdrawal date. (Courses taken over the summer do not count.)
- Minimum degree GPA of 3.0 based on all credits completed at the time of application

- Cannot be held in conjunction with other competitive awards such as the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada's Undergraduate Research Summer Award.
- Students who are graduating in the Spring of 2021 (May graduation) will not be eligible.
- This award cannot be held more than twice by any recipient during their undergraduate program(s) at the University of Manitoba.

What do you need to do?

- Interview two professors (any two) to find out more about their areas of research, scholarly work or creative activity.
- Write a 150 word summary on the research, scholarly work or creative activity, for each of the professors interviewed.
- Choose one of the researchers and write a 250 word rationale for your choice, indicating how this research, scholarly work or creative activity fits with your own long-term career aspirations.
- Submit your application on-line at www.umanitoba.ca/experienceresearch

The application includes:

- (1) The on-line application form
- (2) Your most recent web transcript from your Aurora account (The transcript must show the term in progress as well as previous terms completed.)
- (3) The three summary paragraphs mentioned above

Deadline to submit an application is **January 25, 2021**.

When will you hear about the decision?

Submissions will be adjudicated by a committee appointed by the Vice-President (Research and International). All applicants for the **University of Manitoba Undergraduate Research Award** will be notified of a *conditional notice* of award by the first week of March. Those who are still eligible after the March 31st 2021 Voluntary Withdrawal date will receive final notice of their award in the first week of April 2021.

What happens next?

After receiving final award notification, each award recipient should contact their chosen professor to provide a 250 word (maximum) abstract of the research program, specifying how you will fit with and augment their research program. In cases where a student's work is not directly linked to the professor's research, scholarly work or creative activity the professor must indicate how they will ensure that you are being mentored in the area and discipline as an undergraduate researcher.

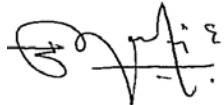
In your notice of award email, you will receive instructions for completing the **URA Acceptance Form**. The completed form must be signed by you and your professor, and submitted by **April 16, 2021** to release your award.

Please visit our website for more information:

http://umanitoba.ca/research/experience_research/index.html

We look forward to receiving your application material. Good luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Digvir S. Jayas". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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