



## **Mindel & Tom Olenick Research Award in Immunology**

Application Deadline: Friday, May 1st, 2026

### **Eligibility**

The Mindel and Tom Olenick Research Award in Immunology provides support to Graduate (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) students or Post-Doctoral Fellows for projects in the field of Immunology, with preference to candidates who have or are likely to receive individual salary awards from external agencies.

In addition to the above, the priorities are to fund excellence in any area of Immunology research, with additional emphasis on research with humans or human tissues related to autoimmune diseases, or animal model research with clearly demonstrated applicability to human study.

To qualify as Immunology research, projects must explicitly lead to a career in that field. Proposals related to tumor biology and directly applied therapeutic research will not be eligible.

Eligible applicants must be affiliated with the University of Manitoba.

### **Funding**

Two (2) awards will be awarded for the competition, each in the amount of \$5,000.00 (\$3,500 award plus \$1,500 travel stipend).

### **Key Dates**

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Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted for consideration.

### **Guidelines**

1. Applicants must submit a single PDF containing the following:
  - a. Common CV
    - i. Applicants should note contributions to specific research projects
  - b. Half-page each on:
    - i. Career Planning
    - ii. Long-term goals
  - c. Research Proposal
    - i. Maximum 200-word scientific abstract



- ii. Maximum 200-word lay summary
    - iii. Maximum three (3) pages of additional text outlining the project, including the literature review/background, research objectives, methodology, significance of the project and progress to date (if applicable).
    - iv. Maximum three (3) pages of figures
  - d. Funding requested from CHIR, Research Manitoba, or other related external agency
    - i. Include the project abstract, date of application, funding amount, and proposed funding term.
  - e. If the applicant has previously been awarded the Mindel & Tom Olenick award, the applicant must indicate the progression of their work and career since the last award (maximum of ½ page).
2. Applicants must submit two (2) reference letters; one letter must be from the applicant's supervisor. These should be emailed directly to the address listed below by the closing date.
3. When submitting the application, the applicant must ensure the application is in a single PDF document entitled, "Olenick Award Application: Your Surname".
4. Applicants will be reviewed by the Health Sciences Centre Foundation's Olenick Award Committee who may request input from internal/external reviewers. The Committee will make funding recommendations to the Mindel & Tom Olenick Grants Chair.
5. All applicants will be advised as to the outcome of their application by the end of August 2026. Applicants who are chosen to be the recipients of the grant must acknowledge acceptance of the grant by email to the Research Grants Officer (contact information below) **within seven (7) days of notification of the award.**
6. Applications will be ranked based on scientific merit and the degree to which they meet the funding priorities. No award shall be made if it is determined that no application is of appropriate standard.
7. Previous recipients of the award are welcome to re-apply for the award for an extension of their original project or for a new project. However, previous recipients will not be given priority. All applications will be ranked based on scientific merit.
8. Announcements of the award will be widely advertised throughout the Health Sciences Centre, the University of Manitoba, and other appropriate institutions in Manitoba.

### **Terms of Award:**

1. The award will be administered by the Health Sciences Centre Foundation. Individuals paid from the award must not be an employee or agent of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation.



2. Funding is provided for one (1) year only (September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027). Funds are disbursed once during this term, usually on the first business day in September.
3. Any commitment incurred by a recipient in excess of the allocated award funds is not the responsibility of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation.
4. Any grant provided by the Health Sciences Centre Foundation and administered through HSC Finance must adhere to the Shared Health Research Accounts Policy (330.140.100).
5. Any publications arising out of the investigations supported by the award should acknowledge the HSC Foundation's assistance of the award.
6. The award is given in support of Immunology projects conducted at the specified institution. If the recipient transfers from one institution to another, or graduates during the term of the award, the award terminates.
7. All research to be undertaken at the Health Sciences Centre must have received Shared Health's institutional approval prior to conducting the research. For questions related to Shared Health's approvals, contact [SHResearch@sharedhealthmb.ca](mailto:SHResearch@sharedhealthmb.ca).
8. A final report on the project must be submitted to the Research Grants Officer (at the contact information below) at the close of the grant year. The report should also summarize the findings in lay terms useful for public relations purposes.

**Research Grants Officer:**

Brittany Semenchuk

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