

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

MS2Discovery Research Grants & Student Awards

Objectives:

MS2Discovery Research Grants & Student Awards aim at supporting and raising profile of interdisciplinary research and education in any field of the Institute's priority areas. These grants & awards are to support and recognize researchers of the Institute at an early stage of their career. Such researchers include undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and research associates. Candidates for these grants & awards will have shown an enthusiasm for interdisciplinary research and educational environment at the MS2Discovery Institute.

Eligibility and Types of MS2Discovery Awards:

The competition for student awards is limited to student members of the Institute. The competition for research & travel grants is open to all members of the Institute at an early stage of their career with main preference given to students. Further specifics are provided below.

Research & Travel Grants

A1. These grants are aimed to help young researchers present their research at conferences and meetings and/or visit another institution such as a University or research establishment of international standing in the field of the Institute's priority areas. To hold this grant you must be a member of the Institute in a student, affiliated or associate membership category. The maximum value of this grant is \$500 for undergraduate researchers and \$1000 for graduate, postgraduate, postdoctoral researchers, or assistant professors.

Student Awards

These awards are limited to students registered at Laurier who are the members of the MS2Discovery Institute. A student may hold one award per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) and a maximum of two during his/her enrolment at Laurier as a student. There are two types of these awards. The values of these two awards are \$500 and \$1000, respectively.

A2. The first one is aimed to support undergraduate and graduate students who just started or about to start their research in any field of the Institute priority areas under the supervision of one of the Institute's faculty members.

A3. The other one aims to recognize outstanding research at the graduate level. It can be awarded to graduate students, affiliated with the Institute, for their outstanding thesis/dissertation (at a Master's or a Ph.D. level) or a research paper published/accepted in an internationally recognized journal while studying at Laurier.

Application:

Please choose an appropriate [application form](#) and complete it. Each form has a list of the documents to be submitted with your application. Use the checklist on the application form to make sure that all required documents are included. Your complete application package (in one single zipped file) should be sent with subject line “Grants&Awards@MS2Discovery” to ms2discovery@wlu.ca before the deadline indicated in the announcement.

Nominations:

Nominations for all MS2Discovery grants and awards from established researchers are welcome.

Deadlines:

- Application deadlines for *Grant A1* are May 15 and November 15.
- Application deadlines for *Award A2* are May 15 and November 15.
- Application deadline for *Award A3* is May 15.

Further Details and Support of MS2Discovery Students & Young Researchers:

Further details about the MS2Discovery Interdisciplinary Research Institute can be found at [its website](#) with direct link to opportunities found [here](#).

We are keen to keep supporting students and young researchers each year. Please help us achieve this goal by donating to our MS2Discovery Research Grants & Awards Fund. You can also propose a new named prize/award/scholarship. Please see our [website](#) how on you can be involved.

Final Notes:

- Applications which are not complete or do not comply with these guidelines may not be considered.
- The decision on all awards is made by a three person panel, including representatives of Board of Directors and Research Theme Coordinators. The procedure complies with the Conflict of Interest Policy where no individual involved in the application (e.g., an advisor, a potential advisor, or a supervisor) can serve of the panel.
- An award or a grant may not always be bestowed in a given year.
- Prospective students, working with an advisor affiliated with the Institute, can compete for Award A2. The award, if granted, would be available on confirmation of enrolment in the relevant field at Laurier.
- Travel expenses under Grant A1 can be reimbursed directly back to the grantee only upon presentation of original receipts. All rates should comply with the Laurier Research Expense Guidelines.
- All awardees should acknowledge their awards in research publications, press releases, and other publications or documents about research that has been funded, including research that has been originated or derived from the funded research visit. All such publications should include the following statement: “Research reported in this [publication / press release] was supported by the MS2Discovery Institute Research & Travel Grant [or Student Award]”.
- An awardee is requested to send a short (around 1/2 page) report within 3 months after receiving the award. The report should be sent to the following email address: ms2discovery@wlu.ca