

**Classical Antiquity and Physical Culture
Opportunity for MA Research Fellowship, September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026**

**MA in Cultural Studies
University of Winnipeg**

Application for M.A. in Cultural Studies Due: Feb. 1, 2025

Peter J. Miller, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Classics at the University of Winnipeg, is seeking one MA student to work on projects related to the history of physical fitness, wellness, health and education (that is, “physical culture”), especially as they relate to Classical Antiquity (that is, the study of the ancient Greeks and Romans). These projects mainly relate to how physical culture and the interpretation and study of ancient Greece and Rome intersect across different media from 1850-1950. The MA student will receive a 12-month stipend of \$15,000 to work as a Research Fellow on the project.

The stipend will be divided over the three terms of the MA program (Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer for approximately 60 hours of research work per term). The student will begin their work in Fall 2025 and the main task assigned to them will be organizing and cataloguing material archival materials and scholarly sources. Data management and organization, therefore, will be a key task, and the student and Dr. Miller will collaborate in creating a data management strategy and organizational scheme for primary sources and the data that results from our analysis of it. This will, of course, necessitate training, and part of the student’s hours of work will be attendance at University of Winnipeg Library research skills workshops. Moreover, as successful applicants may not have the full research background in physical culture or Classical Antiquity, the position allots time for reading and review of scholarly sources prior to beginning the work. The student will select six one-hour lectures on campus throughout the year to count as hours towards this position. For students who show promise in their individual research and choose to pursue projects related to Classical Antiquity and/or physical culture in their course work, there may be travel funds available to support student presentations at one or more conferences.

This is an ideal research fellowship for students interested in physical culture, health, fitness, and wellness; or, Classical Antiquity and its myriad receptions and interpretations throughout history. Applicants need not have a second language, though French, ancient Greek, or Latin would be very helpful. Past experience – even as a minor or a collection of courses – in Classical Studies would be very useful as well.

Prospective Research Fellows must follow the formal application process to the MA in Cultural Studies. More information about the program is available here:

<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/cultural-studies/>

All interested applicants should contact Dr. Miller (pj.miller@uwinnipeg.ca) prior to submitting their application to the MA in Cultural Studies.

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