



# President's Report

To The University of Winnipeg  
Board of Regents



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WINNIPEG

**2023-2024**

# Message from the President and Vice-Chancellor

This was an exciting year for our university, with many examples of the impact we are having in the lives of individuals and in the communities we serve.

For a third straight year, we saw an increase in the number of graduating students; nearly 2,000 undergraduate and graduate degrees were awarded in 2023. Our Indigenous student community also continued to grow, accounting for 12% of all students.

Students and alumni demonstrated the UWinnipeg community's commitment to excellence and service to others. A few examples included in this report are recent graduates Sarah Anderson, who received the Change-Maker Award from Neurological Health Charities Canada, and Cameron Adams, who was named a McCall MacBain Scholar.

Faculty and students continued to build UWinnipeg's reputation as a leader in research and innovation. From developing cancer-detecting blood tests to searching for new magnetic materials, our exceptional researchers are making significant contributions to knowledge in Canada and the world.

The 2023-2024 year would not have been successful without the work of our entire community. I want to sincerely thank our faculty, staff, administration, students, alumni, donors, and Board of Regents for contributing to the positive difference UWinnipeg is making in Manitoba and beyond.

Sincerely,

**Todd A. Mondor, PhD**  
President and Vice-Chancellor



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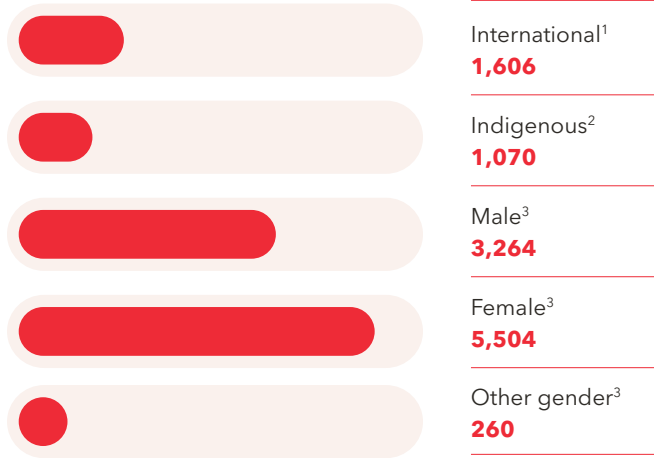
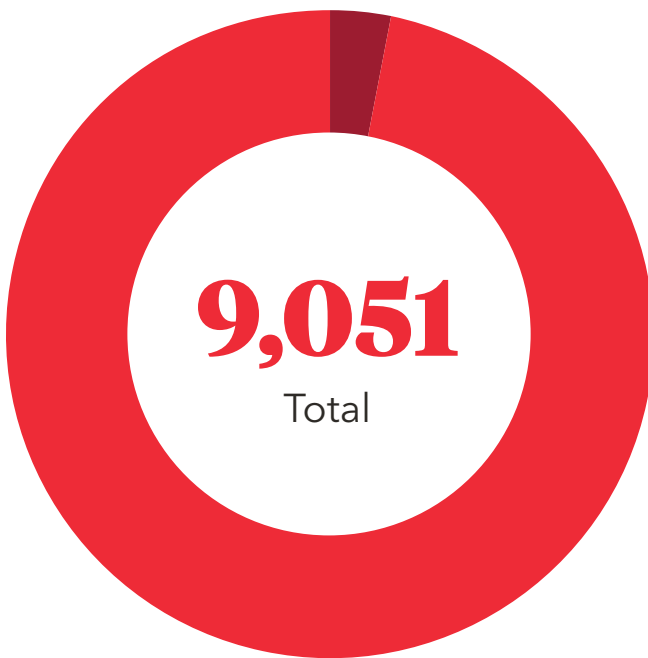


# Our Community

Above: UWinnipeg students, faculty, and staff walking in the Pride Parade

# Enrolment

As of November 1, 2023



**Notes:**

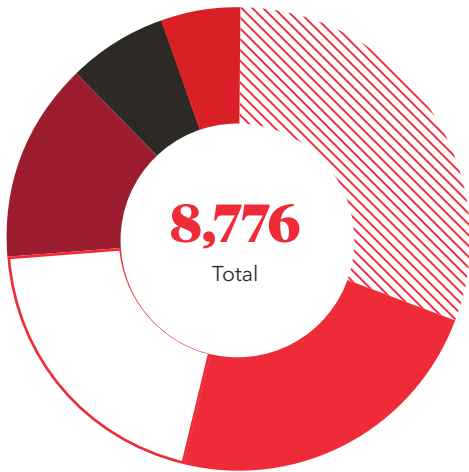
- 1) International student enrolment includes visiting and exchange students. International exchange students do not pay fees to UWinnipeg.
- 2) Indigenous identity is voluntarily self-declared on the application form. As such, the numbers reported may be less than the total population of Indigenous students on campus.
- 3) Gender identity is self-declared on the application form. Individuals have the option to select "other."

## Top 5 countries international students come from



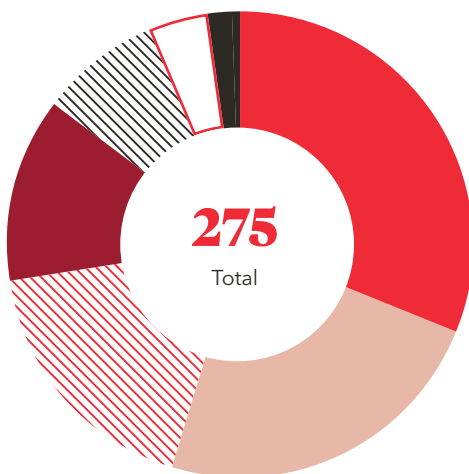
## Undergraduate and Graduate Enrolment by Faculty - Fall Session

### Undergraduate



Arts	2,716
Science	2,029
Education	1,707
Business & Economics	1,194
Multi-Faculty, Pre-Professional, Undeclared	680
Kinesiology & Applied Health	450

### Graduate

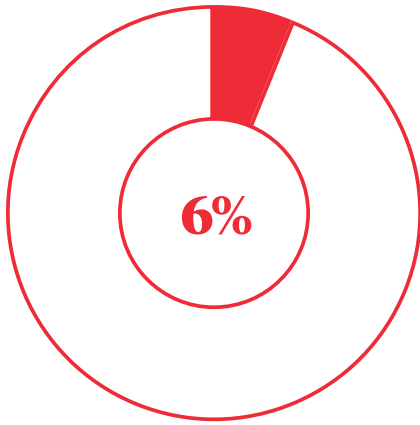


Science	86
Marriage and Family Therapy	65
Arts	49
Business & Economics	35
Joint Master's Programs	23
Theology	11
Multi-Faculty	6

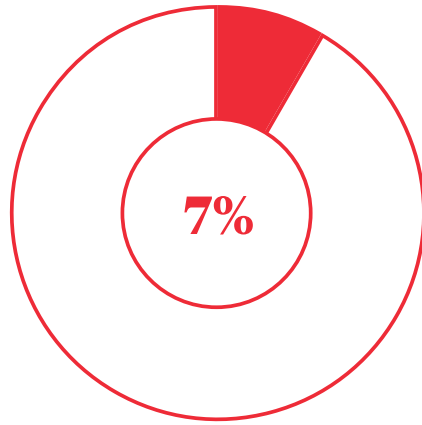


# Faculty and Staff Community

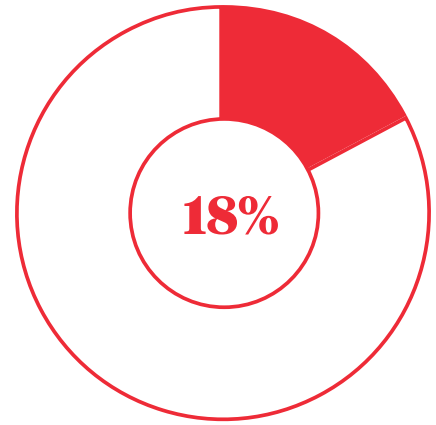
## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



Identify as Indigenous



Identify as a person with a disability



Identify as a member of a racialized community



### **UWinnipeg accessibility advocate wins national award**

UWinnipeg graduate Sarah Anderson received the Change-Maker Award from Neurological Health Charities Canada (NHCC) on May 25, 2023. The national award recognizes individuals who have improved the quality of life for Canadians living with brain conditions. Sarah was recognized for the More Than a Door Campaign, which helped make the UWinnipeg campus more accessible to users of wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Her work contributed to the purchase of 78 automatic door openers for campus buildings. Forty-four and counting have been installed to date.



### **Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications graduate receives Mayor's Medal**

Maddy Nowosad received the prestigious Mayor's Medal from Winnipeg Mayor Scott Gillingham at City Hall. The medal is given to a graduating student whose record combines academic distinction and service to the community of Winnipeg. Nowosad was also on the Dean's Honour List and a recipient of the UWinnipeg Academic Proficiency Scholarship. In November 2022, she drew national media attention regarding funding issues with a public skate park that restricted the full participation of 2SLGBTQ+ skateboarders.

Nowosad accepted the role of Executive Director of the Manitoba Skateboarding Coalition, where she worked with the City of Winnipeg to build a new centrally located, community-led, and inclusive skate park.



### **UWinnipeg receives inaugural Tri-Agency equity award**

The University of Winnipeg is one of three post-secondary institutions in Canada to receive the inaugural Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity. This Tri-Agency Canada Research Chairs Program (CRCP) award is valued at \$100,000 over one year.

UWinnipeg's proposal for the Pathways to Science Program was submitted by Dr. Nora Casson, Dr. Melanie Martin, Dr. Yannick Molgat-Seon, Dr. Lisa Sinclair, and Angeline Nelson. This project will develop a harmonized suite of programs on campus to encourage Indigenous students to pursue careers and graduate studies in the natural sciences and engineering.





Above: Wesley and the winners of the Annual Great Rock Climb at the 2023 Welcome BBQ

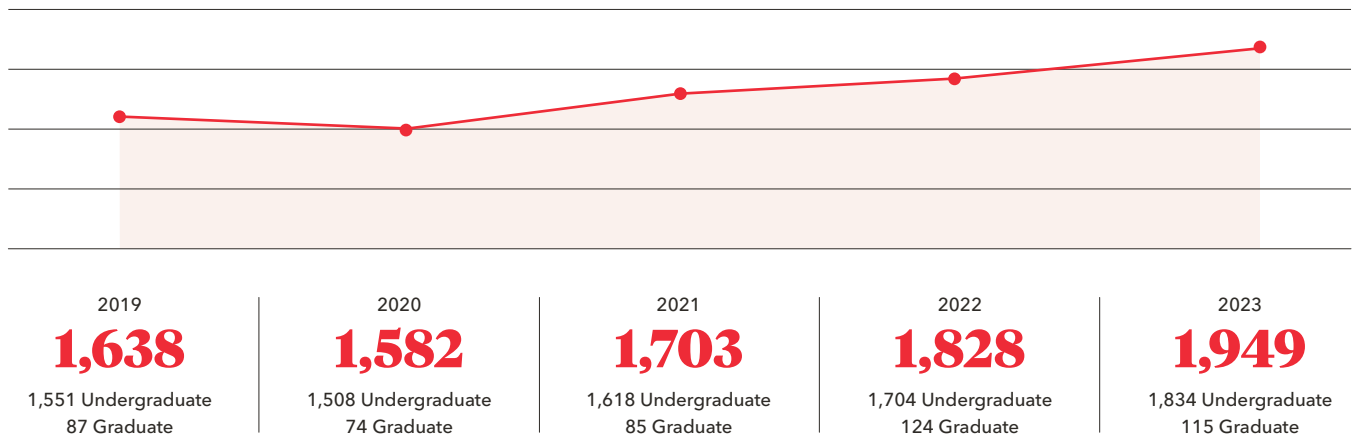


A portrait of a young woman with long, straight brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark, textured sweater. The background is a solid, vibrant red color. The text 'Academic Success' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

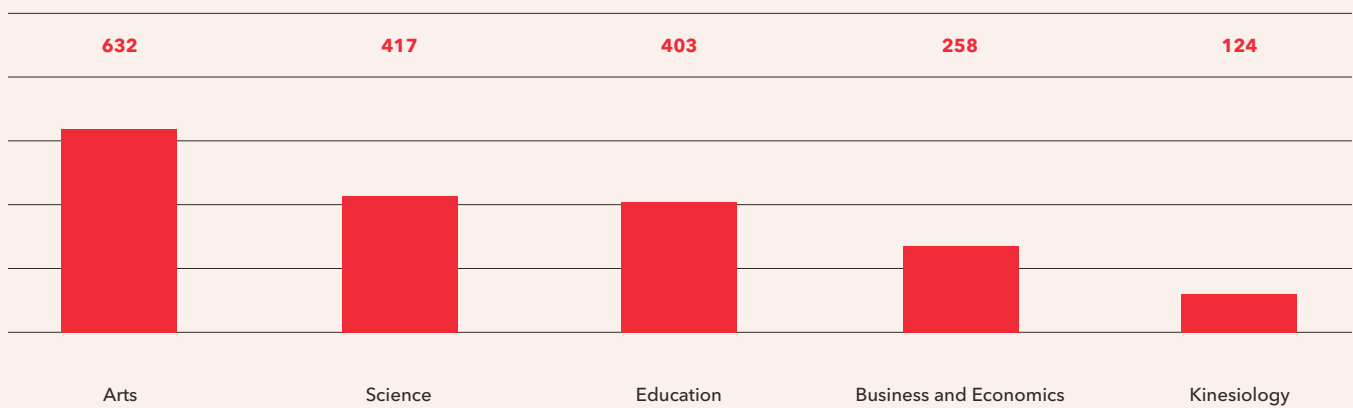
# Academic Success

**Above:** Jasmyne Storm, winner of the Most Promising Bioscience Student of the Year award (Read more on pg. 10)

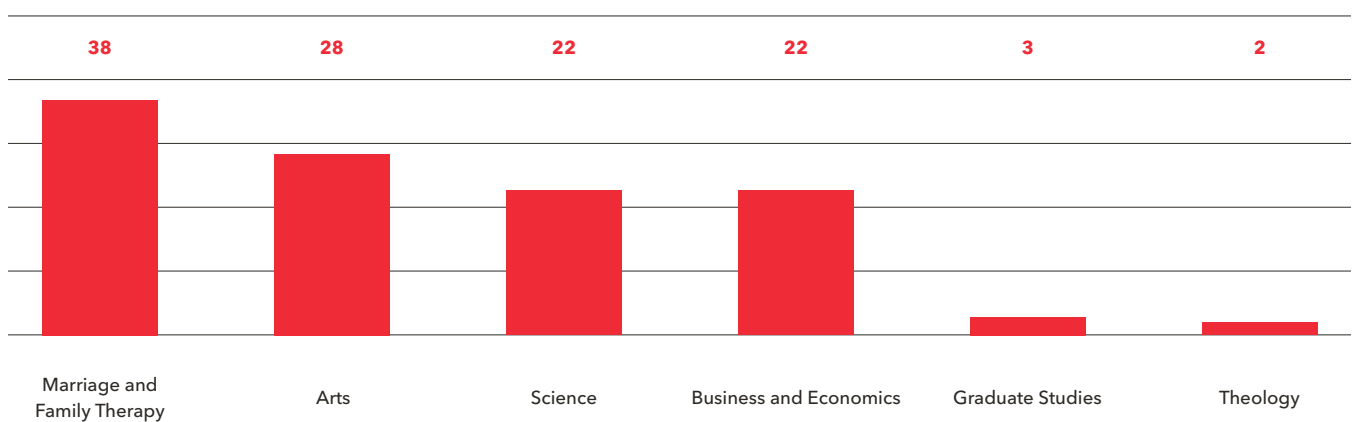
## Degrees Conferred



## Undergraduate Degrees Conferred by Faculty



## Graduate Degrees Conferred by Faculty





### **Most Promising Bioscience Student of the Year award**

Jasmyne Storm, a Master of Science student in Bioscience, Technology, and Public Policy, is helping put exciting research from UWinnipeg on the map. Storm said the Most Promising Bioscience Student of the Year award she received from Bioscience Association Manitoba (BAM) is a huge honour for her and a big win for the lab.

Storm is studying a potential therapeutic treatment that could help improve health outcomes for infants who are exposed to early life stress. Her research is conducted under the supervision of Dr. Sanoji Wijenayake, whose lab at UWinnipeg was established in January 2022. She hopes her research will someday be applied to healthcare, a field she plans to pursue after graduate school.

**"It feels pretty amazing. Not only for my work to be recognized in this way, but also because it reflects the important work being done by our lab."**

**– Jasmyne Storm**



### **The Clifford J. Robson Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence**

Dr. Kelly Gorkoff's student-centered teaching style has earned her the recognition and esteem of students and colleagues. As Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, Dr. Gorkoff's scholarly interests include critical political economy and feminist theory. Her research includes public inquiries, social determinants of homicide, systems of sex work, and community mobilization.

Her teaching excellence lies in her commitment in ensuring students discover and develop their intellectual potential. Her love of teaching is reflected in her teaching load. She often teaches more than her required number of courses to help waitlisted students complete their degrees.

## 2023-24 Valedictorians



### **Cameron Adams | Bachelor of Education**

Adams has dedicated his life to Indigenous language revitalization. After taking UWinnipeg's first-year Cree courses, Adams worked with Elders and other community members to create the n-dialect language app, nēhinawēwin, which familiarizes users with Swampy Cree words and phrases. The app was released at the beginning of 2022. He was named a McCall MacBain Scholarship recipient and is pursuing the Ad Hoc Master of Arts program in Indigenous Language Revitalization at McGill University.



### **Bilguundari Enkhtugs | Master of Arts**

Enkhtugs chose UWinnipeg for its small class sizes and broad research and funding opportunities. She feels it's her responsibility to give back to the community. One way she did that is by volunteering at Kids with Incarcerated Parents (KIP) Canada, an Ontario-based organization that connected her with a child she tutored via Zoom. She has also volunteered with community organizations during her studies. Her interest in community supervision and environmental and social justice led her to a Research Assistant position in UWinnipeg's Criminal Justice department.



### **Simon DePasquale | Bachelor of Science (Honours)**

DePasquale has excelled at every level of his studies and is pursuing research with a goal to protect and manage Indigenous fisheries. His pursuit and curiosity have translated into several research projects in the Hasler Fish Biology and Conservation Lab. Under the guidance of Dr. Caleb Hasler and Dr. Jennifer Jeffrey, his research has been presented at four national science conferences and will lead to several publications.



### **Shae Torres | Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**

Torres chose UWinnipeg in 2018 because of the small class sizes and access to world-class faculty members. As part of the psychology honours program's hands-on learning placement, Torres volunteered at New Directions, an organization supporting individuals living with a disability. In her free time, she also volunteered with Special Olympics Manitoba. She was able to form tight connections with her honours cohort and worked as the Canadian Wildlife Federation's equity, diversity, and inclusion coordinator.



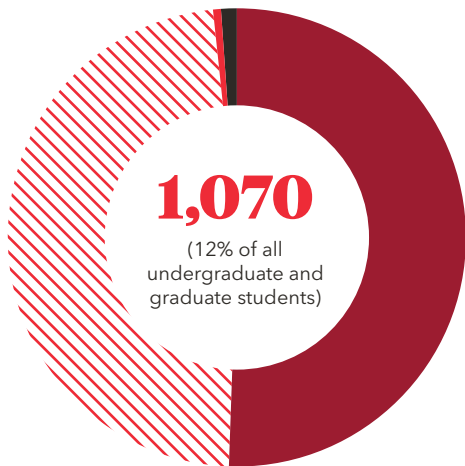


# Indigenous Excellence

**Above:** Detail of headdress prepared for the 2024 Graduation Pow Wow

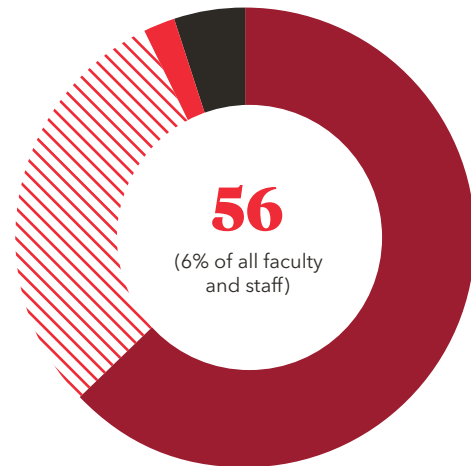


### Indigenous Students



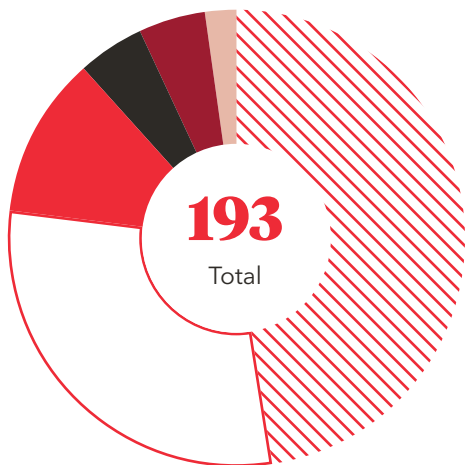
● Métis	545 (50.6%)	Undergraduate	<b>1,049</b>
▨ First Nations	513 (48%)	Graduate	<b>21</b>
● Inuit	6 (0.3%)		
● Other*	6 (1.1%)		

### Indigenous Faculty & Staff



● Support staff	63%
▨ Academic staff	30%
● Senior executive	2%
● Collegiate faculty	5%

\* When self-identifying as Indigenous, students may select "other" for a number of reasons, such as identifying as more than one of the categories presented.



### Degrees Conferred to Indigenous Students

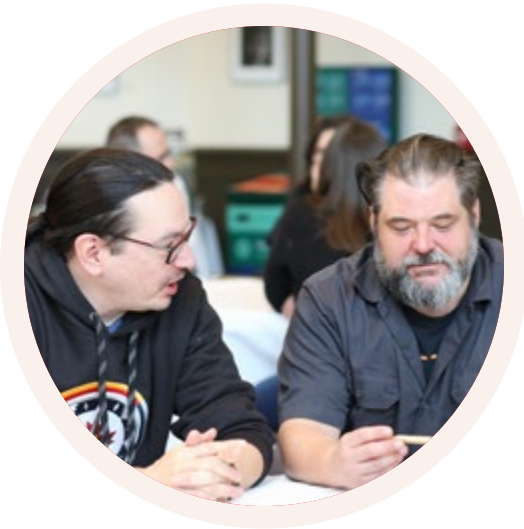
▨ Arts	92 (48%)
○ Education	57 (30%)
● Science	22 (10%)
● Kinesiology & Applied Health	9 (5%)
● Business & Economics	9 (5%)
● Marriage and Family Therapy	4 (2%)



### **UWinnipeg adds new Indigenous Community Awards**

The University of Winnipeg established new UW Indigenous Community Awards. These awards were created to acknowledge, uplift, and celebrate the efforts of Indigenous members of the University community.

They include up to two awards for Indigenous staff and faculty, and up to four awards for Indigenous students. The awards recognize inspiring members of our community and thank them for their work as role models, mentors, and leaders who promote Reconciliation and strengthen Indigenous community at the University. Award recipients are announced in the spring of each year.



### **New initiative to bring more Indigenous faculty to UWinnipeg**

The University of Winnipeg announced a cluster hire of nine Indigenous faculty members across the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Gupta Faculty of Kinesiology, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Business and Economics, and the Global College.

The Indigenous cluster hire is part of a larger effort to advance Reconciliation and increase BIPOC faculty representation at UWinnipeg.

This hiring initiative builds upon UWinnipeg's ongoing commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's calls to action, which includes three new Indigenous languages certificate programs launched in 2022, and the Indigenous Course Requirement introduced in 2016.




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**"This will allow us to be a consistent resource for our community over the next four summers, so we're very excited for that."**

**–Angeline Nelson**

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#### **4-Year funding partnership for STEAM camp**

A new, four-year funding commitment from Boeing will help hundreds of Indigenous youth attend summer camp at the Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre. The funding will provide \$22,500 USD each year for the Centre's Indigenous Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Camp from 2024 to 2027.

"As part of our community investment strategy, Boeing supports science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and workforce development programs to help inspire the next generation of innovators," said Teri Thompson, General Manager at Boeing Canada Winnipeg. "We're really proud to support a program like this, and we believe it will have a direct impact on the number of Indigenous youth who choose to pursue STEM careers in the future."

Angeline Nelson, Director of Community Learning & Engagement for Wii Chiiwaakanak, said the multi-year funding commitment helps provide stability for the camp.

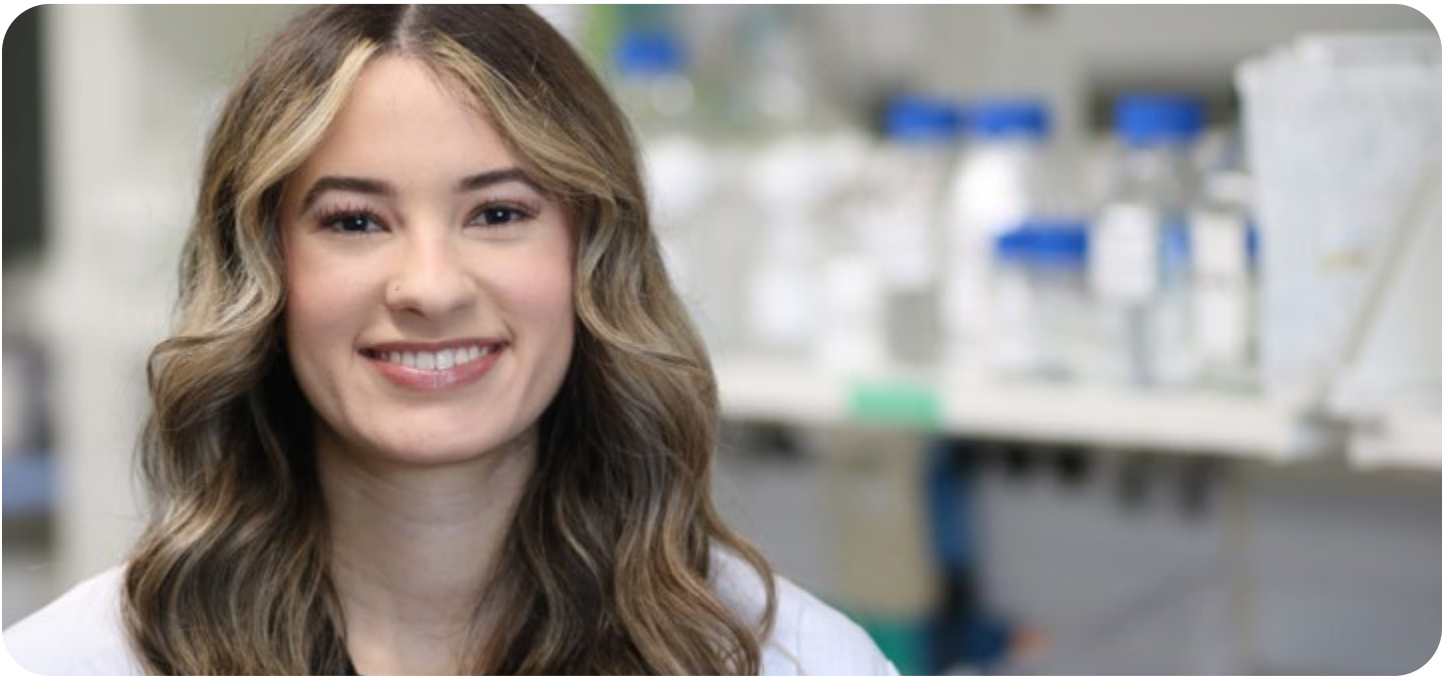




# Research

## Research Funding

<b>External Research Funding</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
<b>Government Sponsors</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total</b></span>	<b>2,069,994</b>
Federal Government – Departments	1,674,075
Province of Manitoba	395,919
<b>Federal Government – Research Funding Agencies</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total</b></span>	<b>7,044,998</b>
NSERC	2,213,111
SSHRC	2,555,340
Canada Research Chairs	840,000
CIHR	903,071
CFI	533,476
<b>Federal Research Support Fund</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total</b></span>	<b>1,957,633</b>
<b>Foundations, Industry and Other Agencies</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total</b></span>	<b>685,632</b>
<b>Research Funding</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total</b></span>	<b>11,758,257</b>



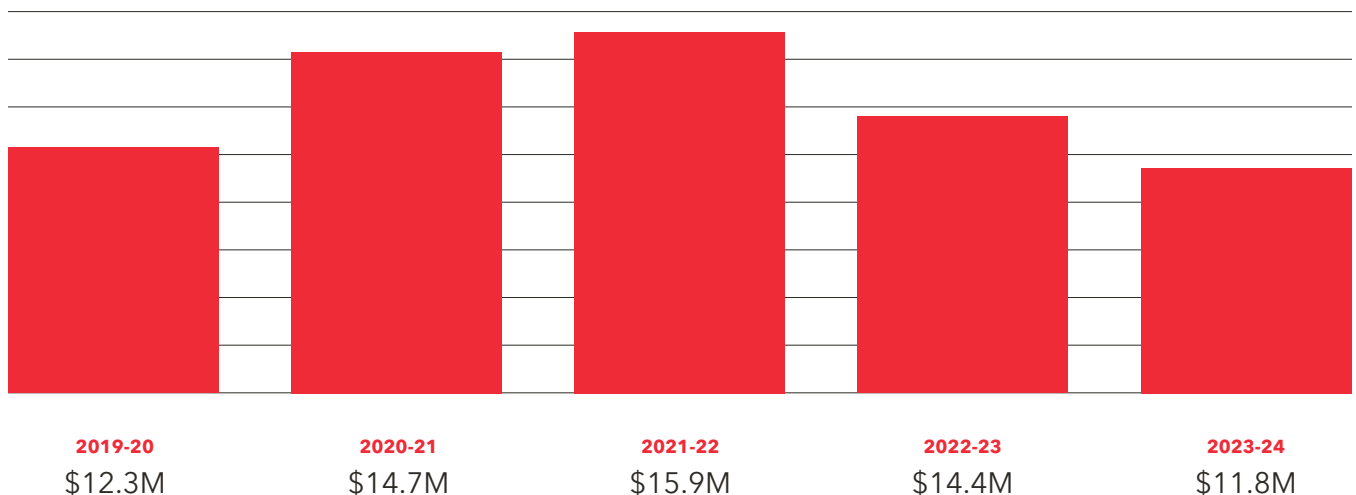
### **New blood test in cancer research could save lives**

Colorectal cancer is one of the most treatable cancers if caught early. However, it remains one of the leading causes of cancer deaths worldwide because of the lack of simple screening tests.

UWinnipeg graduate student Hailey Langford is working with Dr. Anuraag Shrivastav to change these grim statistics. Dr. Shrivastav's research could reduce the mortality rate by creating a novel blood test that detects precancerous lesions and colorectal cancer.

To aid in this research, Langford has been granted a competitive Canadian Cancer Society Research Training Award valued at \$65,000 over two years.

### **External Research Funding 2019-2024**





### Remote Research award powers trip to Flin Flon

A dedicated award for students undertaking research in hard-to-access places is fueling efforts to protect lakes and watersheds around Flin Flon.

Dylan McKenzie is the 2023 recipient of UWinnipeg's Remote Research Student Fund (RRSF), one of many student research grants available to UWinnipeg students. McKenzie used the RRSF to gather water and soil samples in and around Flin Flon.

McKenzie's advisors, Drs. Nora Casson and Srimathie Indraratne, helped McKenzie find an aquatic remediation project in Manitoba to study. The research will form the basis of his master's thesis.



### Asteroid sample studied on campus

A 4.5-billion-year-old sliver of outer space is being analyzed at The University of Winnipeg.

Dr. Ed Cloutis, Professor of Geography and Director of the Centre for Terrestrial and Planetary Exploration (C-TAPE), is leading a team of researchers who are analyzing the sample, collected during NASA's OSIRIS-REx mission, using spectroscopy.

Dr. Cloutis and his team hope to learn more about the asteroid's colour and composition. This knowledge could help determine whether the building blocks of life were delivered to Earth by an asteroid impact. A central research question is whether the asteroid has organic molecules, which would hold implications for the initial kickstarting of life on Earth.

### Chemistry research that could unlock world-changing technology

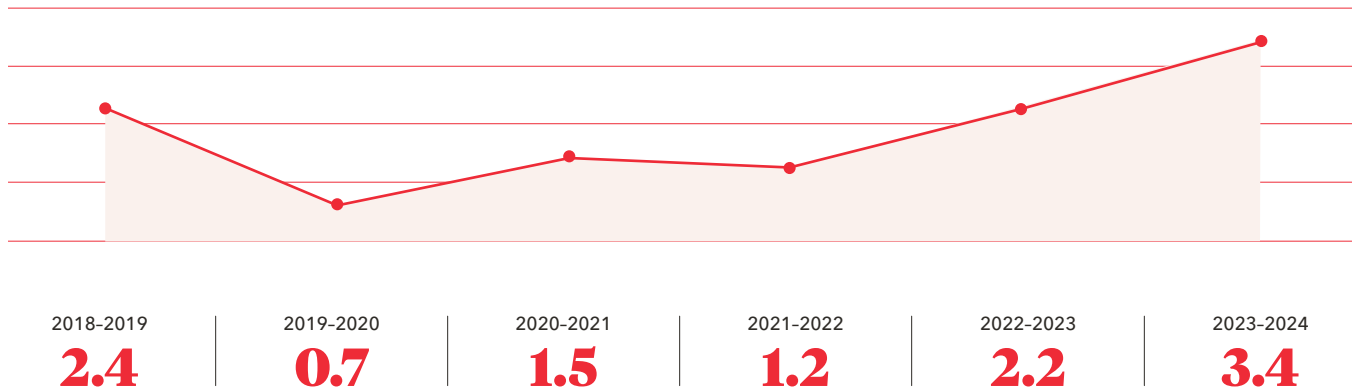
Dr. Christopher Wiebe's research seeks to contribute to future innovations such as quantum computers and room-temperature superconductors. Over 15 years, he has built a unique crystal growth and low-temperature property measurement lab at UWinnipeg that rivals labs at much larger universities and has received over \$60M in external research funding.

"Every day for me involves exploring new materials and it is always exciting to make something that no one else has before," said Dr. Wiebe. "The discovery of a room-temperature superconductor, for example, would lead to a period of change that would rival the silicon revolution of modern computing. We would be able to make cheap MRI machines that would change healthcare in developing countries."

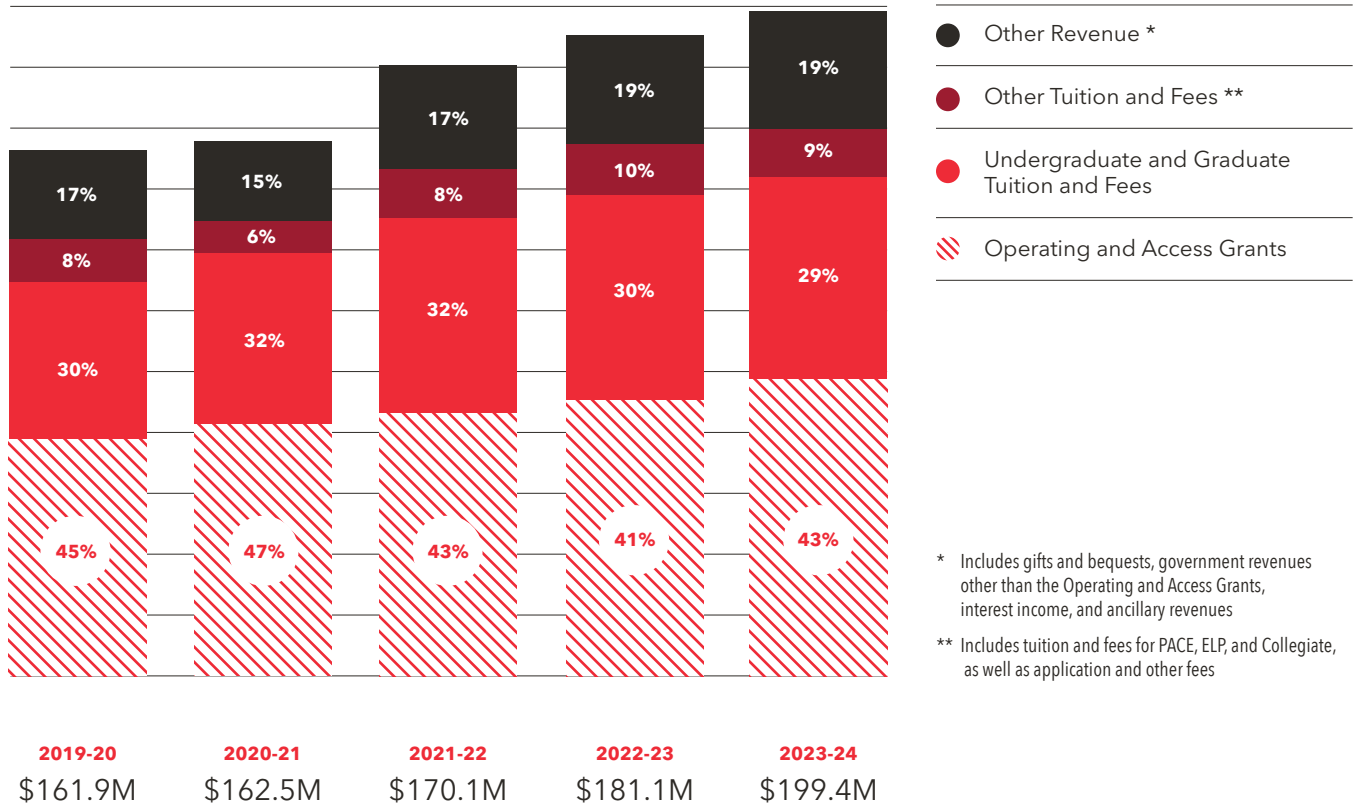
# Financial Snapshot

As of November 1, 2023

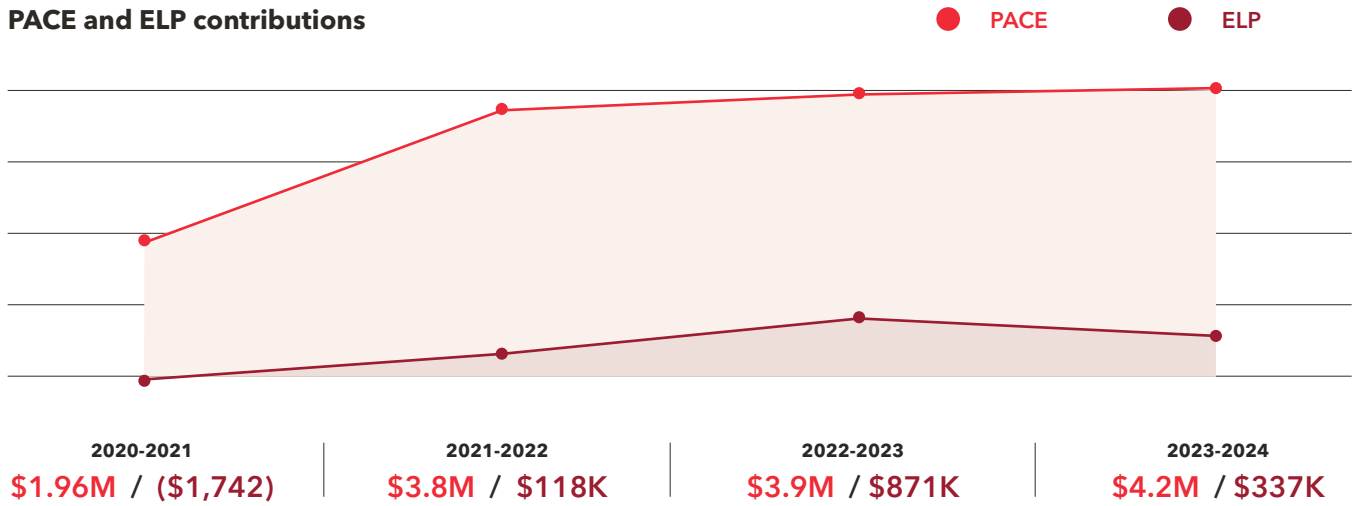
## Composite financial index



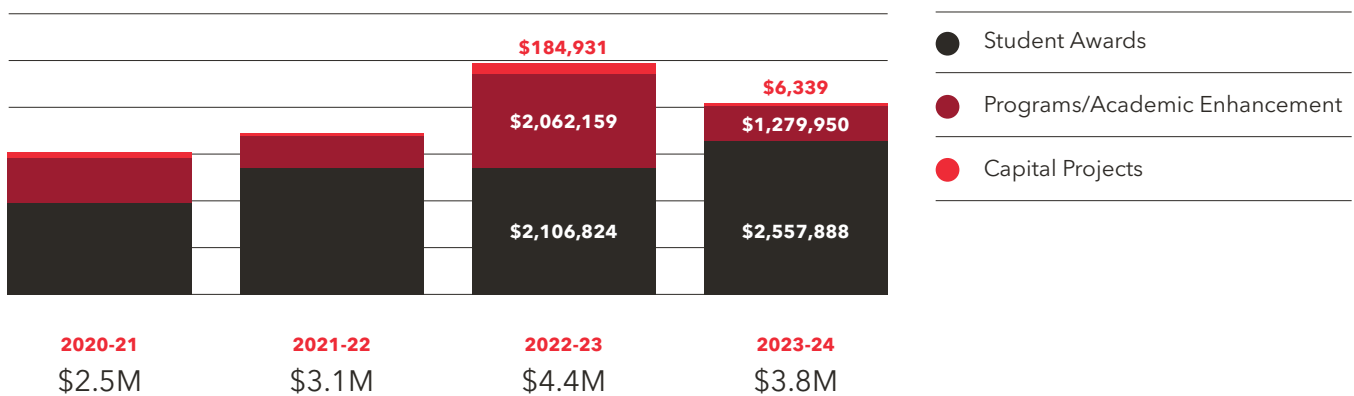
## Revenue by source



### PACE and ELP contributions



### Foundation fundraising



### Scholarships, awards, and bursaries

	Scholarships	Bursaries	Opportunity Fund Bursaries	Opportunity Fund Programs	UWinnipeg/ Indspire	External
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>\$1,871,161</b>	<b>\$1,309,322</b>	<b>\$465,749</b>	<b>\$191,422</b>	<b>\$509,494</b>	<b>\$478,123</b>
Total number	1,296	946	471	89	118	221



# Year in Review

April 2023 - March 2024



## April 2023

- › UWinnipeg librarian Emma Hill Kepron was a *Jeopardy!* Champion.
- › Dr. Beverley Fehr's research was featured on CBC's *Nature of Things*.
- › Dr. Chantal Fiola was appointed Interim Associate Vice-President, Indigenous.
- › Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre hosted Premier Heather Stephanson and Minister of Advanced Education and Training Sarah Guillemard on a tour.



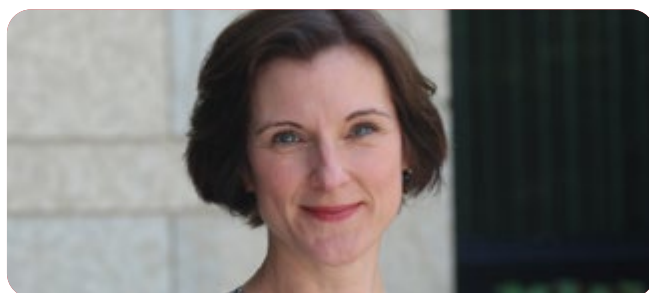
## June 2023

- › Connie Walker and Clayton Sandy were recognized with honorary doctorates at the 122nd Convocation.
- › Dr. Sharanpal Ruprai was named 2023 Chancellor's Research Chair.
- › UWinnipeg graduate Sarah Anderson received the Change-Maker award from Neurological Health Charities Canada for efforts to make campus more accessible to users of wheelchairs and other mobility aids.



## May 2023

- › Prime Minister Justin Trudeau hosted a town hall at UWinnipeg.
- › Canada Research Chair Dr. Ryan Bullock partnered on a renewable energy project, which received \$24 million in funding.
- › After two years of virtual events, the STEAM festival Science Rendezvous was back in person.



## July 2023

- › Dr. Tracy Whalen was named Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts.
- › Dr. Anne-Laurence Caudano was named Acting Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts.
- › Dr. Blair Jamieson travelled to Switzerland to conduct neutrino research at CERN.
- › Nine UWinnipeg students attended the Women in Physics Canada Conference.



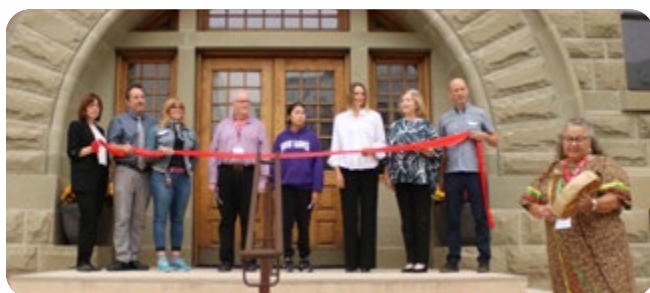
### August 2023

- › UWinnipeg brought back the 55-Plus Program to engage adult learners on a variety of topics.
- › The Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience lab opened, making UWinnipeg the only institution in Manitoba with infrastructure and capacity to study spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries.
- › Five UWinnipeg graduate students received Master's Studentship Awards through Research Manitoba's 2023 Grants and Awards Competition.



### October 2023

- › UWinnipeg hosted the 51st annual meeting of the North American Society for Bat Research.
- › Research Week created opportunities for researchers at any career stage to connect with each other, students, faculty, and potential funding partners.
- › UWinnipeg participated in St. Boniface Hospital's Buhler Gallery's Planet Love art exhibition.



### September 2023

- › The Collegiate celebrated its 150th anniversary.
- › Homecoming 2023 included a provincial election forum, and exhibition tour of The Undead Archive, a science poster symposium, and a panel discussion on downtown revitalization.
- › UWinnipeg researchers received more than \$1.3M in NSERC funding.



### November 2023

- › The 18th annual Randy Kobes Undergraduate Poster Symposium showcased multi-disciplinary research.
- › UWinnipeg theatre students staged original solo works in *RE-WIRE(D)*.

# Year in Review

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## December 2023

- › The 56th Wesmen Classic was held at Duckworth Centre.
- › The Master of Public Administration Program celebrated its 50th anniversary.
- › Carrie Homeniuk was appointed Associate Vice-President, Human Resources.



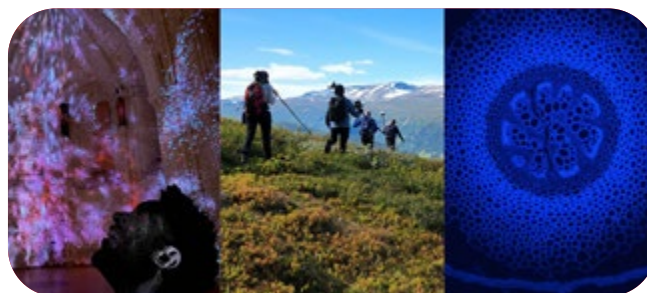
## February 2024

- › New Indigenous community awards were launched.
- › UWinnipeg student Liam Reid earned a McCall MacBain Regional Award.



## January 2024

- › Dr. Evan McDonough became the first theoretical physicist to be awarded a New Investigator Operating Grant from Research Manitoba.
- › A new initiative to bring more Indigenous faculty to UWinnipeg was launched.
- › UWSA Day Care celebrated its 50th anniversary.



## March 2024

- › The first annual Research in Focus photo competition winners were announced.
- › The Chancellor's Emerging Research Award and Chancellor's Research Excellence Chair awards were launched.
- › UWinnipeg launched MyCreds™ for official digital documents.
- › UWinnipeg and UWFA ratified their collective agreement.





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