

Common Scenarios & Questions Relating to Bursaries at Robson Hall:

1. Help! I am so confused. What needs to be done for bursary consideration?

(a) apply for student loans

(b) complete both the general bursary application on AURORA (*student award and financial aid tab, Aid Fund Year = 2014-15*) **AND** the Faculty of Law Supplemental Bursary application

(c) Provide a copy of your student loans assessment (the paper that indicates the funding you are eligible for) to marie.jivan@umanitoba.ca or drop off at 303 Robson Hall.

2. I did not pay for my tuition (meaning someone else did to help me out), can I claim it as an expense?

The general rule is: if you did not pay for your tuition, you cannot claim it as an expense. However, you may claim the expense if you claim the resource.

3. Is there a minimum contribution expected from me during the pre-study months of May, June, July and August?

Yes. There are some situations where the amount is reduced - for example: attendance at the *Hebrew University Summer Program*.

4. If I have a line of credit, am I still eligible to apply?

Yes. However, an application to government student loans and subsequent assessment is required.

5. Can I apply to government student loans for the sole purpose of applying to the bursary program?

Yes. However, if you are allocated funding from student loans, that amount will be included in the bursary assessment as funds available to you to finance your education (whether you choose to accept the funds or not).

6. Can I expect to receive the same bursary amount(s) as in previous year(s)?

Not necessarily. Bursary allocations are made for the current year, with no regard to previous allocations.

7. My significant other does not contribute towards my education, how can I reflect this on the bursary application?

If your significant other does not contribute financially to your education, be certain the expense side reflects the same. Do not claim expenses for your entire house, rather your portion only.

8. Do bursary audits really happen? And if I am selected, what can I expect?

Yes, bursary audits have been around for several years now. If you are randomly selected, you will be required to submit documentation requested.

9. What happens if I do not receive any funding from government student loans?

A copy of your assessment is required (whether funding is available or not). Come and talk to me if you think your situation is unique.

10. What is my 'pre-study period' contribution?

It is the amount of money that you are contributing towards your education, not necessarily what you earned over the summer months. For example: I earned \$7,000 in 16 weeks, but after living expense I have \$2,500 left to contribute towards my education. This is the pre-study period contribution.

11. How many bursaries are available?

You can view the bursaries available in the [online database](#)

12. If I received a scholarship, is that amount included in the assessment?

Yes. A portion of the scholarship amount is included in the assessment, as it is funding available to you. This is also applicable to the *Pitblado Scholarship* received for the Dean's Honour List.

13. What happens if my student status changes from Full Time to Half Time?

If your student status changes after bursaries have been allocated, your application will be reassessed. The minimum course load requirement is 18 credit hours (9 per term) for bursary consideration.

14. When will I know if I've received any bursaries?

Allocations are typically made in mid-November. The intention of the bursary program is to assist with Winter Term tuition.

15. Can I appeal the bursary decision?

Decisions are final. If your situation has changed from your original application, you may apply for an Emergency Bursary. Please see Marie Jivan (marie.jivan@umanitoba.ca, 306B Robson Hall) for further information.

16. I still have questions...My situation is unique...

Please contact Marie Jivan.