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November 16, 2018

Dylan Robertson  
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Dear Mr. Robertson:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: **UM2018-0038**

On November 16, 2018, the University of Manitoba Access and Privacy Office received your request for access to the following records:

*All records dated from Aug. 1, 2018 to Nov. 15, 2018 relating to the government of Saudi Arabia recalling its nationals, as well as the financial impact on University of Manitoba, including but not limited to student fees, partnerships abroad and marketing.*

As required by *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* we will make every reasonable effort to respond to your request in writing within 30 days after receiving it, unless,

- we extend the 30 day time period under section 15 of the Act; or
- the time for responding is suspended under subsection 82(4) of the Act until you respond to a fee estimate; or
- notice is given to an affected third party under section 33 of the Act.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (204) 474-9462.

Sincerely,

Robyn Wellman  
Access and Privacy Coordinator

**BRIEFING NOTE**

**To:** Susan Taylor, Director, International Centre  
**Date:** August 7, 2018  
**From:** Cameron Zywina, International Partnership Officer (Americas, Africa & Middle East)  
**Subject:** Relationship of the University of Manitoba with Saudi Arabia

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**Objectives**

- Reuters reported on August 6, 2018 that:

Saudi Arabia is suspending educational exchange programmes with Canada and moving Saudi scholarship recipients there to other countries, Saudi-owned Al Arabiya reported on Monday.

The kingdom froze new trade and investment with Canada after Ottawa urged Riyadh to free arrested rights activists. It also recalled its ambassador and gave the Canadian ambassador 24 hours to leave the country.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-canada-diplomacy-education/saudi-arabia-suspends-educational-exchange-programmes-with-canada-al-arabiya-tv-idUSKBN1KR1ES?il=0>

- This document summarizes the trend recruitment and retention of international students from Saudi Arabia at the University of Manitoba, as well as the current linkages with higher education and other institutions in Saudi Arabia

**Overview**

Summary of University of Manitoba's current linkages with higher education and other institutions and students from Saudi Arabia:

Country	Number of Agreements (active)	Number of Projects (active)	Value of projects (active)	Number of co-publications (2013-2017)	International students (<2 students=0) (fall 2017)
Saudi Arabia	1	0	\$0.00	95	48

Faculty and staff of the University of Manitoba have significant linkages (co-publications) with at least 11 institutions in Saudi Arabia, and a total of 1085 full-time and part-time international students since 1999 have identified the country as their place of origin, with a peak of 109 students in fall 2012 and 48 registered in fall 2017.

**Key Messages**

- Saudi students currently represent about 16% of total registered students from the Middle East and historically 31% (total 293 in fall 2017 and 3501 since 1999).
- The strongest linkages are based on the International students from Saudi Arabia and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Arabia Ministry of Higher Education.

**Agreements**

Partner Institutions	Partnership Type	Status
Saudi Arabia Ministry of Higher Education	Memorandum of Understanding	Active (June 6, 1999-present)

**Faculty Research and Development Collaborations**

None.

**Student Mobility through Bilateral Student Exchanges (2015-2018)**

None.

**From:** Michelle Oshanyk  
**To:** Wendi Charette; Jenn Dononiuk; Donna Coulis; Fitri Gagne; "Kim Le"; Gail Tomczuk; Susan Snusher; "Laura Soice (CIP)"  
**Subject:** FW: BP\_Memo - Saudi trainees\_Aug2018  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:08:00 PM  
**Attachments:** BP\_Memo - Saudi trainees\_Aug2018.pdf

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FYI.

**From:** Brian Postl

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached Memo from Dean Postl regarding Saudi trainees. Thank you.



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 7, 2018

To: Department Heads – Max Rady College of Medicine

From: Dr. Brian Postl, Dean, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and Vice-Provost (Health Sciences)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Postl'.

Re: Saudi Arabian residents and fellows

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Please be advised that the University of Manitoba Max Rady College of Medicine has been informed that all Saudi trainees in Canadian medical schools have been instructed to “get their affairs in order in preparation for a return to the Kingdom by August 31, 2018.” Please plan on how you will fulfill all call service requirements and any other functions previously performed by Saudi residents or fellows.

As well, please plan accordingly for the financial impact of their departure on your department’s operations. Senior finance officer Amanda Kinnell is pulling the financial data related to the remaining funds in the Saudi accounts and how they can be spent in the short term.

I am in close contact with the other deans at Canada’s 17 medical schools and Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) who is coordinating with Universities Canada, U15 and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Dr. Cliff Yaffe, Associate Dean, PGME, is also in contact with his counterparts and AFMC, exchanging information and updates.

We will continue to keep you informed as information becomes available.

Brian Postl, MD FRCPC  
Dean, Max Rady College of Medicine  
Dean, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences & Vice-Provost (Health Sciences)  
University of Manitoba

Chair, Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) Board of Directors

## **PGME – Saudi Sponsored Trainee Meeting**

Date: August 10, 2018

Time 9:00 – 10:00

Place: 405 Brodie

Chair: Dr. Clifford Yaffe

### **Meeting Minutes:**

- 1- The Saudi residents to continue business as usual until further notice from the Saudi Cultural Bureau or until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.
- 2- Make sure the Saudi Residents continue arranging their travel plans to Saudi Arabia as instructed by the Saudi Cultural Bureau without any drastic changes, i e. sell your car, break your apartment lease until next couple of weeks. Apply for tickets through The Saudi Cultural Bureau's website now as mentioned in the e-mail the residents have received and to follow their instructions.
- 3- If the negotiations between the stakeholders and the Saudi Cultural Bureau has failed, the residents will be considered enrolled at University of Manitoba for the year of 2018/2019.
- 4- The Saudi residents will prepare a document of questions concerning their training completion to the PGME to raise to the Royal College on our behalf concerning our special circumstances.
  - a. Possibility of continue your training outside Canada and still be eligible to write the Royal College exam.
  - b. Possibility of doing "elective" rotations outside Canada for the next couple of months as part of our residency training.
- 5- Each resident should be in contact with their program director regarding finding solutions to continue the remaining of their training elsewhere.
- 6- The PGME agreed to issue each resident a certificate of the completed training period at University of Manitoba. This includes the number of rotations performed, what

rotations they have done and the remaining required rotations for completion of their specialty/subspecialty training.

- 7- To consider the transition month of our return to Saudi as a leave of absence / vacation.
- 8- The PGME is willing to be in contact with CIC regarding our legal status in Canada and to inquire if our work permit is going to be revoked by CIC.

**Regrets Only:** 17(1)(2)(e); 17(1)(3)(e)(i)



**Randy Roller**

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**From:** Norman Delos Reyes  
**Sent:** August 10, 2018 1:55 PM  
**To:** Anthony Iacopino; Brian Postl; Rector St. Pauls College; Christopher Trott; David Mandzuk; Diane Hiebert-Murphy; Douglas Brown; Gady Jacoby; Gary Hepburn; Jeff Taylor; Jonathan Beddoes; Jonathan Black-Branch; Dean Agriculture; Lalitha Raman-Wilms; Laura Loewen; Mark Torchia; Mary Jo Romaniuk; Netha Dyck; Norman Halden; Paul Hess; Reg Urbanowski; Stefi Baum; Todd Mondor; Ben Li; Brandy Usick; Bruce Curran; Cassandra Davidson; Cathy Rocke; Charles Horton; Dieter Schonwetter; Dilantha Fernando; Esyllt Jones; Francine Morin; Ira Ripstein; Jared Carlberg; Jason Leboe-McGowan; Karen Wilson Baptist; Krystyna Koczanski; Lavern Vercaigne; Marie Edwards; Mary Benbow; Nariman Sepehri; Neil Marnoch; Randy Roller; Rod Lastra; Sarah Teetzel; Shannon Coyston; Steven Lecce; Subbu Sivaramakrishnan; Mark Torchia; Vera Keown; vpac-dept-heads@lists.umanitoba.ca  
**Cc:** Brian Postl; David Collins; Diane Hiebert Murphy; Janice Ristock; Lynn Lavalley; Mark Torchia; Pamela Trupish; Susan Gottheil; Todd Mondor; Valerie Shantz; Jolene Chester; Joyce Lamb; Marcia Davies; Norman Delos Reyes; Shannon Campanaro; Susan Carvell; Tatjana Blazevska; Valerie Parker; Susan Taylor; Anna Araoz; Bonnie Warkentine; Colleen Loewen; School of Art Assistant; Eileen Konrad; Janice Gripp; Janice Tilly; Jodi Petch; Jolene Chester; Joyce Lamb; Kate Davis; Kay-Dene Campbell Brown; Kimberley Stefaniuk; Kristjana Oliver; Laura Orsak-Williams; Liane Allen; Marcia Kort; Marilyn Shantz; Marion DeJong; Marni Laurencelle; Philippa Alexiuk; Sharon Kirsch; Tamara Gillam; Tracy Foster  
**Subject:** Update on the situation affecting Saudi students in Canada  
**Importance:** High

*The following correspondence is sent on behalf of Mrs. Susan Gottheil, Vice Provost (Students).*



Message from Susan M. Gottheil, Vice-Provost (Students)

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Many of you have heard about the recent diplomatic situation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Canada. Saudi students in Canada have received letters from their government indicating that all Saudi scholarship funding has been suspended. Students who hold these scholarships have been informed that they must return to Saudi Arabia by the end of August. Non-scholarship holders have been strongly urged to return as well. This decision affects undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate medical education students at the University of Manitoba.

The University has been working with the Government of Canada, and universities across the country, to ensure a coordinated response to this situation. We will provide more information as it becomes available. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact the following:

Undergraduate student questions: Susie Taylor, 204-474-8502

Graduate student questions: Joyce Lamb, 204-474-8086

Postgraduate medical education student questions: Michelle Oshanyk, 204-295-2737



**Susan Gottheil**

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**Robyn Wellman**

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**From:** Jeff Adams <Jeff.Adams@umanitoba.ca>  
**Sent:** August 10, 2018 2:25 PM  
**To:** Janice Ristock  
**Cc:** David Barnard; Digvir Jayas; John Kearsey; Lynn Zapshala Kelln; Kerry McQuarrie Smith; Jeff Leclerc; Jay Doering; Susan Gottheil; David Collins; Todd Mondor  
**Subject:** Briefing note for AAC conference call  
**Attachments:** Saudi Briefing Note (August 10-2018) FINAL.pdf

Janice,

As requested attached is a briefing note that Jay Doering and I created in preparation for your AAC conference call on Monday. Please note that the situation is fluid and it is still unclear whether the directive applies to all Saudi students or only students receiving funding.

If you have any questions please let us know. Should new information become available we will be sure to forward it to you.

Thanks,  
Jeff

**Jeff Adams**  
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**BRIEFING NOTE**

**TO:** Janice Ristock, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)  
**FROM:** Jay Doering, Associate Vice-President (Partnerships)  
 Jeff Adams, Executive Director, Enrolment Services  
**DATE:** August 10, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** **Provost's Conference Call re: Saudi students**

The summary below provides some detail regarding students with Saudi Arabian citizenship that are registered at the University of Manitoba.

*Student Counts [50 total]*

- Total number of sponsored students: 32
  - Undergraduate: 0
  - Graduate (excluding PGME): 9
  - PGME: 20
  - Non-Degree: 3

**NB:** Non-degree students are ESL students studying in one of our two English language programs.
- Total number of non-sponsored students: 18
  - Undergraduate: 11
  - Graduate (excluding PGME): 6
  - PGME: 0
  - Non-Degree: 1

*Tuition Fee Summary*

<b>Sponsorship Status</b>	<b>Tuition due now</b>	<b>Future tuition</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Sponsored</i>			
Undergraduate	\$0	\$0	\$0
Graduate	\$698	\$23,798	\$24,496
PGME*	\$64	\$77,639	\$77,703
Non-Degree	\$8,715	\$0	\$8,715
			<b>\$110,914</b>
<i>Non-sponsored</i>			
Undergraduate	\$19,450	\$15,927	\$35,377
Graduate	\$319	\$4,139	\$4,458
PGME	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Degree	\$475	\$0	\$475
			<b>\$40,310</b>

\* The PGME per student training fee is \$100,000 per calendar year for a total annual commitment of \$2M.

***Issues to Consider During the Conference Call:***

- Are institutions communicating with these students? If so what is the primary message of these communications? Have communications been specific to groups, *i.e.*, undergraduate, graduate, PGME, and non-degree students?
- Are self-funded students receiving a separate or different communication?
- Are students with fees owing (from last term) being placed on hold? Are sponsored vs. non-sponsored students being treated differently in this regard?
- Will institutions be granting leaves to Saudi students?
- Will remote thesis defences be facilitated to enable those ready to defend their thesis to complete their graduate degree requirements?
- Whether there is any clarity on the date to leave by; there appear to be three (3) dates in play: August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, “end of summer”

***UofM Specific Issues***

- UofM needs to decide how and what to communicate to the UofM community and what to communicate specifically to Saudi students. A very brief UM Today Story is being drafted to acknowledge the situation and let the UofM community know we’re working with government and other institutions.
- We will be reaching out with a communication to Deans, Department Heads, Graduate Chairs, and Associate Deans (Undergraduate) with a high-level communication and acknowledgement of the situation. In this communication, we will be providing these individuals with a central point of contact for each student group, *i.e.*, undergraduate, graduate, and PGME.

cc: David Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Digvir Jayas, Vice-President (Research and International)  
John Kearsy, Vice-President (External)  
Lynn Zapshala-Kelln, Vice-President (Administration)  
Kerry McQuarrie Smith (Director, Office of the President)  
Jeff Leclerc (University Secretary)  
Susan Gottheil, Vice-Provost (Students)  
David Collins, Vice-Provost (Integrated Planning & Academic Programs)  
Todd Mondor, Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies

## Randy Roller

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**From:** Zenon Kurjewicz  
**Sent:** August 10, 2018 2:50 PM  
**To:** Randy Roller  
**Cc:** Wen Trask; Shannon Mansfield  
**Subject:** Quick update  
**Attachments:** Saudi Students quick update.pdf

Hi Randy,

Attached is a 1pg quick update on meetings, to date, meant as a simple primer. I will discuss more details on Monday morning, when I'm in.

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## Saudi Students – Notes

- Number of students affected – ballpark 50, international Saudi
  - F17 - 21 PGME; 19 GR; 8 UG; 2 ExtEd/ESL
  - EOIA – registration information incomplete. Using 50-ish students. Not clear which students are currently here.
  - ICM does not currently have SA students.
    - However, increased recruitment for ICM, from within KSA
- Students have been contacted by KSA, to leave Canada, by Aug19/Sep6/End of Summer
  - Some US institutions contacted by KSA, as to whether students could go there.
  - KSA (anecdotal info) contacting scholarship students, as well as non-funded students.
- Conference Call with Universities Canada, U15, and Jim Carr (wpg south centre MP) took place.
  - Most universities in information gathering stage
- Conference Call to take place Monday afternoon with Provosts and VP-Academics
  - Call to discuss communications, and what/type of supports/options for students.
  - Post conference call, likely updates, and decisions on next steps (communication/other)
- Diplomatic conversations still being held.
- Conversations regarding financial impacts of KSA cancelled scholarships.
- PGME has significant impacts for Medicine, and on programs relying on residents
- Grad programs will be affected by students that are unable to continue research
- Undergrad will have less impact.
- Work being done to identify the exact students that are impacted. Some students not currently in country.
- Group that met will change, starting next week (SGottheil on vacation; Todd Mondor on vacation; Neil Marnoch will return (likely replacing Sharon Bannatyne; Ijaz (General Accounting) vacation – will be replaced by Vanessa).

I will cover, in more detail, on Monday morning.



## Notes International Students from Saudi Arabia

- Declining enrolment, over the past five years.
  - F17 8 UG; 19 GR; 21 PGME
  - GR primarily female
  - PG more males
  - Mostly full-time
- Few ESL/non-degree (2 ESL, 1 ND in Fall 2017)
- Summer enrolment (Aug 7), 23 records.
  - 4 UG
  - 17 GR (continuing registration)
  - 1 ESL
  - 1 ND
- Upcoming registration – EOIA
  - PG 16 (of which 15 were in Fall 2017)
  - UG 1
  - GR 9 – of which 8 were in Fall 2017
- Applicants
  - 2 1850; 7 1890; 2 1910; 1 1990
    - Of those, 2 are for ESL
  - Most are “accepted”
  - Does not include PGME students
- ICM – few in ICM.
  - 2 passed ICM, from previous data. Most recent was active in Fall 2015 (in Ext Ed)
  - Of note: Many student (40+ recruited from SAU, but citizenship is PAK and BGD)
- Financials King Abdullah Scholarships include health insurance for student and their dependents
  - Scholarships include bench fees (5000 masters, 10000 phd) to graduate supervisors to help cover the costs of consumable materials used for research.
- Scholarships most of the grad students had scholarship money, based on Fall 2016 registration. That trend should not be that different in subsequent year.
- KASP King Abdullah Scholarship Program has cited retention issues, in recent years (of students transferring to schools in other countries).

## Applicants:

Count of STNUM		ACAI								Grand Total
AD_CAT_DESC	PROGRAM_DESC	201710	201750	201790	201810	201850	201890	201910	201990	Grand Total
-	Respiratory Therapy - BRT Special			1			1			2
<b>Total</b>				<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>
- Accepted	Arts-BA General	1								1
	ESL-Limited to ESL	4		2	1		1			8
	ESL-Pre-Degree English				1		1			2
	Graduate Studies- 3 Year PHD							1		1
	Graduate Studies-MDent		1							1
	Graduate Studies-MSc	3	1	1	1		2	1	1	10
	Graduate Studies-PhD	2		1	1	1	3			8
	Medicine-External	1								1
	Special	1								1
<b>Accepted Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>
- Incomplete	Graduate Studies-MSc	1								1
<b>Incomplete Total</b>		<b>1</b>								<b>1</b>
- Withdrawn	Arts-BA General				1					1
<b>Withdrawn Total</b>					<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>



## U of M continues to monitor situation with Saudi Arabian students

**August 10, 2018** — The University of Manitoba is currently gathering information regarding the status of Saudi Arabian students at the U of M, in light of recent measures put in place by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including the suspension of all Saudi scholarship holders studying in Canada.

There are currently about 50 students from Saudi Arabia enrolled at the U of M, both at the graduate and undergraduate level, in a variety of faculties, including postgraduate medical education students in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.

The university is working with the Government of Canada, and universities across the country, to ensure a coordinated response to this situation. We will provide more information as it becomes available. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact Susie Taylor, Director, International Centre at: 204-474-8502, [Susie \[dot\] taylor \[at\] umanitoba \[dot\] ca](mailto:Susie.taylor@umanitoba.ca) ([javascript:DeCryptX\('0S3x0s1j2q31fu2c3l1m2q1s0@3x1n1b0n1j1u1p2d2c201d1b'\)](mailto:Susie.taylor@umanitoba.ca)) or Michelle Oshanyk, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, at: [Michelle \[dot\] Oshanyk \[at\] umanitoba \[dot\] ca](mailto:Michelle.Oshanyk@umanitoba.ca) ([javascript:DeCryptX\('203l0c1i1f3o0l1f0,2Q1t1i3d2p1z1l1A3x0m3d2p1j1u2q0b1b312e3d'\)](mailto:Michelle.Oshanyk@umanitoba.ca)).

Information for Saudi Arabian students is available at: [http://umanitoba.ca/research/international\\_centre/saudi.html](http://umanitoba.ca/research/international_centre/saudi.html) ([http://umanitoba.ca/research/international\\_centre/saudi.html](http://umanitoba.ca/research/international_centre/saudi.html))



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**Tom Hay**

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**From:** Vanessa Ryplanski  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:45 AM  
**To:** Gordon Pasioka; Tom Hay  
**Subject:** FW: Saudi Student Update  
**Attachments:** Saudi Email to Students Aug 15 2018.docx; Saudi Arabia\_Students\_9\_Aug\_2018.xlsx

Good morning – an FYI update

An email was sent to the students yesterday, with the exception of those who are not actively registered (3 of the 50 not active). Attached and below are the most up to date information and communications.

The decision was made by Janice and Lynn that students with sponsorship or balances under \$1000 would be permitted to obtain their Transcripts or other documentation to continue their studies elsewhere (they are authorized waiving the admin fee for those services for these students at this time).

The largest balances owing are sponsored or PGME (under contract) so we may still see those funds and we will actively pursue from the sponsor shortly.

Non sponsored risk \$ 10,430 (most of which was already at risk for non-collection; from prior to summer 2018 term)

We are now seeing students coming forward with questions and preparing to leave.

We expect the future term registrations to continue to be reversed (a few have already). It appears the students are still actively hoping for a resolution before the start of fall term but are beginning to plan for return to Saudi Arabia if no resolution in the next 2 weeks.

<http://news.umanitoba.ca/u-of-m-continues-to-monitor-situation-with-saudi-arabian-students/>

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will keep you posted if there are any major developments.

Vanessa

**From:** Jay Doering  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:36 AM  
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**Subject:** Saudi Student Update

Good morning,

Thank you all for meeting yesterday. I'm going to attempt to summarize where we are after our meeting yesterday and my discussion with Dr. Ristock.

General

- we will create a webpage for Saudi students on the IC site
- the Western webpage is a great starting point: [http://iesc.uwo.ca/saudi\\_students.html](http://iesc.uwo.ca/saudi_students.html)
- it will provide general information for all three groups of students, i.e., PGME, graduate, undergraduate (degree seeking and non degree)
- there will NOT be any reference to waiving of fees, leaves of absence, etc.; we want to deal with these on a case-by-case basis

PGME

- all students are going on an unpaid leave of absence starting 23 August 2018; this is consistent with other PGME pgms in CDN
- they are being provided a certificate of work completed to date
- all fees owed are up-to-date except for one student that still owes Sports & Rec fee (\$63.75)
- the Faculty of Health Sciences has met with PGME students and is in contact with them

Graduate

- all graduate students will be put on an exceptional leave of absence; this will stop the clock with respect to time in program
- students close to completion (approximately 3) will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis to see if FGS can facilitate their completion over the next few months
- except for one student, all graduate students owe the Sports & Rec fee (\$63.75); there are no students owing a significant sum
- an email is being draft to communicate one-on-one with graduate Saudi students; this email will be "tweaked" from the email message being sent to undergraduate students; this email message should come from the graduate student contact for consistency

Undergraduate

- this is significant variability in undergraduate situations; some non-sponsored students owe significant sums of money (>\$4k); for this reason, all undergraduate situations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis
- an email has been drafted and vetted for sending to undergraduate students from Susie Taylor (the UG contact for Saudi students)
- on a case-by-case basis we are prepared to waive the fees for transcripts, status letter for immigration purposes, certificates of enrolment, etc.

Please advise if I have missed anything before we share more broadly. Thank you.

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Hello,

I am contacting you because we understand that you received notification from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, indicating that educational and scholarship programs in Canada have been suspended. We also understand that you have been asked to leave Canada.

We understand this is a stressful situation for you and the University of Manitoba has a number of supports that I would encourage you to make use of during this time.

International student advisors in the International Centre and counsellors in the Student Counselling Centre are available for you to talk to; their services are confidential and they would be happy to assist you. You can book an appointment with an international student advisor by calling 204-474 8502, and with a counsellor by calling 204 474 8592. *Please explain that you are a Saudi student when you contact us to schedule your appointment.* International student advisors are located at 541 University Centre and the Student Counselling Centre is located at 474 University Centre.

If you require documents such as transcripts or other proof of academic standing, please contact the Registrar's Office at 204-474 9892, send an email from your umanitoba account to [Rahel.Birhan@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Rahel.Birhan@umanitoba.ca), or go in person to 400 University Centre. Please explain that you are a Saudi student; they are aware of the situation and will be able to help you.

This may be a good time to contact an academic advisor in your faculty or program of study, to discuss where you are in your current degree. They can also give you information on how to transfer credits to another educational institution, if you wish to do so.

You may have questions about your current immigration status and the validity of your study or work permit. We currently do not know of any changes made by Immigration, Refugee, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), and therefore we believe your immigration documents are not affected by recent events. However, we encourage you to directly [contact IRCC](#) if you have any questions.

If you have questions about the current situation, you can also contact the [Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau in Canada](#) (Email: [Queries@saudibureau.org](mailto:Queries@saudibureau.org)).

All the best,  
Susie



Tab	Column	Comments
<b>Summary</b>		<i>Student Data is pivoted to Summarize the count and \$ amount by Sponsorship Status and Programs</i>
<b>Student Detail_List</b>	<b>Student Visa status</b>	<i>Status as reflected in the system, not sure how often it is updated</i>
	<b>Sponsorship Status</b>	<i>PGME Invoicing to the Sponsor is based on the Contract,            -All other billing are based on the Sponsorship renewal letter for students            Status shows "NOT Sponsored" if we have not received renewal letter for the student.            -Students who were sponsored previously (fall 2017/winter2018) but have not provided renewal letter for this summer or fall 2018 are also shown as 'Not-Sponsored' but highlighted in yellow.</i>
	<b>Additional comments</b>	<i>more information on ELC, Undergrad students from Jeff Adams</i>
<b>PGME_List</b>		<i>Shows additional detail of PGME students and their progress level in the program</i>
<b>Stipends</b>		<i>As per contract each PGME student receive 18K per year for living expenses. The students are paid \$692.31 Biweekly. We have started making the payments as of 1 July-2018. The instructions are to continue making payments until end of Aug 2018. Please see Stipends tab for detail.</i>
<b>New Students</b>		<i>Information as per Jeff's email on 9 Aug-2018. These numbers are not included in the total 50 students included in this report.</i>

Student Count

Count of Student Name Student Visa status

Sponsorship Status	Int'l Student	Permanent Resident		Grand Total
		Int'l Student	Permanent Resident	
Sponsored	33	1		34
Not-Sponsored	12	4		16
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>50</b>

Count of Student Name	Sponsorship Status	Student Visa status	Program Level				Grand Total
			Grad	Non-Degree	PGME	Under-Grad	
Sponsored			10	3	20	1	34
		Int'l Student	10	2	20	1	33
Not-Sponsored		Permanent Resident		1			1
		Int'l Student	5	1		10	16
		Permanent Resident	5	1		6	12
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>50</b>

Count of Student Name	Sponsorship Status	Program Name	Program Level				Grand Total		
			Grad	Non-Degree	PGME	Under-Grad			
Sponsored			10	3	20	1	34		
		Anatomical Pathology			1		1		
		EE-Appl Counseling Certificate		1			1		
		ESL-Limited to ESL		1			1		
		ESL-Pre-Degree English		1			1		
		General Surgery			4		4		
		Graduate Studies MSc	3				3		
		Graduate Studies-PhD	7				7		
		Internal Medicine			3		3		
		Medical Genetics			1		1		
		Neurosurgery			2		2		
		Obstetrics & Gynecology			4		4		
		Oral & Max Surgery			1		1		
		Pediatric General Surgery Fellowship			1		1		
		Pediatrics and Child Health			1		1		
		Radiation Oncology			2		2		
		Science-BSc General					1	1	
		Not-Sponsored			5	1		10	16
				Arts BA General				3	3
				Engineering-Electrical				1	1
ESL-Limited to ESL				1			1		
Graduate Studies-MSc	1						1		
Graduate Studies-PhD	4						4		
Medicine-External						1	1		
Medicine Family Social Science						1	1		
Science BSc General						2	2		
University 1						2	2		
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>50</b>		

Tuition Fee Amounts


Sponsorship Status	Program Level	Total Due Now	Total Due Future	Total Tuition Fee	PGME_Residency_
					Amount
Sponsored		18,815	100,229	119,044	2,360,000
	Grad	762	22,591	23,352	
	Non-Degree	8,715	0	8,715	
	PGME	64	77,639	77,703	2,360,000
Not-Sponsored	Under-Grad	9,274	0	9,274	
		10,906	20,066	30,972	
	Grad	255	4,139	4,394	
	Non-Degree	475	0	475	
	Under Grad	10,176	15,927	26,103	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29,721</b>	<b>120,295</b>	<b>150,016</b>	<b>2,360,000</b>

Student Visa status	Sponsorship Status	Total Due Now	Total Due Future	Total Tuition Fee	PGME_Residency_
					Amount
Int'l Student		14,615	100,229	114,844	2,360,000
	Not-Sponsored	10,876	10,716	21,592	
Permanent Resident	Sponsored	4,200	0	4,200	
	Not-Sponsored	30	9,350	9,380	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>29,721</b>	<b>120,295</b>	<b>150,016</b>	<b>2,360,000</b>



As of 28th August 2025

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Bi weekly Amount	A	692.31
# of PGME Students	B	20
Total Biweekly	$C = A \times B$	13,846
# of BiWkly payments per year	D	26
Total to be Paid per Year	$E = C \times D$	360,000
<i>Total per student per year</i>	$F = E / B$	18,000

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**From:** Jeff Adams  
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**Subject:** Saudi student update

Hi Susan and David,

I have some updated information regarding ELC and UG Saudi students that I hope you will find helpful. I can fill in some more blanks for the 9 ELC students listed on Ijaz's original spreadsheet. I have attached a new spreadsheet that contains these details for the nine students. Here are some summaries from this spreadsheet along with some information on new admits:

- Of the 9 ELC students originally listed there is only 1 that is likely to continue in the Fall.***
- The ELC is expecting that 5 new Saudi students will begin in September.***
- We also have 14 degree students that have accepted an offer of admission for the Fall 2018 term***

I suspect the incoming students will likely change their plans; however, I thought this information might still be relevant. Should I receive new information I will forward it to both of you.

Thanks,  
Jeff

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**Robyn Wellman**

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**From:** Nancy Schneider <Nancy.Schneider@umanitoba.ca>  
**Sent:** August 16, 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** Jay Doering  
**Subject:** FW: Please create new webpage ASAP  
**Attachments:** Saudi website text lsg ad-ec.docx; IC\_Saudistudents.docx  
  
**Importance:** High

FYI this was sent to Fred, no response yet. But I believe it was related to your email.

Cheers,

Nancy

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**Sent:** August 16, 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Fred Munson <Fred.Munson@umanitoba.ca>  
**Cc:** Nancy Schneider <Nancy.Schneider@umanitoba.ca>; Janine Harasymchuk <Janine.Harasymchuk@umanitoba.ca>  
**Subject:** Please create new webpage ASAP  
**Importance:** High

Hi Fred,

As I mentioned earlier, we've had an urgent request to create a new webpage. This webpage will house information for Saudi students at U of M. I've attached a web request as well as the content for the page. Please note the comment in the content document about creating jump links, if possible.

We also require a web button to link to the new page (also included in the request).

Please let me know if you have any questions. What is the estimated turnaround time on this?

Thank you in advance!

**Andrea Danelak**

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### **Information for Saudi Students at the University of Manitoba**

We understand that many of you have been notified by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that educational and scholarship programs in Canada have been suspended and that some of you may have received a directive to leave Canada.

During this time of potential stress and uncertainty, all students are encouraged to make use of the many accessible resources and supports. *Please explain that you are a Saudi student when you contact these offices; we are aware of the situation and will be able to help you.*

We value the contribution of our Saudi students and are continuing to work with the Government of Canada, and universities across the country, to ensure a coordinated response to this situation.

#### **Key Contacts:**

- Undergraduate students: Susie Taylor, [Susie.taylor@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Susie.taylor@umanitoba.ca), 204 474-8502
- Graduate students: Joyce Lamb, [joyce.lamb@umanitoba.ca](mailto:joyce.lamb@umanitoba.ca), 204 474 8086
- Postgraduate medical education students: Michelle Oshanyk, [michelle.oshanyk@umanitoba.ca](mailto:michelle.oshanyk@umanitoba.ca), 204-295 2737

Commented [LSG1]: Could we do a list with jump links, so that you don't have to scroll so much?

Key Contacts  
 Advising and Counselling  
 Academic Matters and Documents  
 Immigration Questions  
 Other Contact Information

#### **Advising and Counselling:**

International student advisors in the International Centre and counsellors in the Student Counselling Centre are available for you to talk to; their services are confidential and they are happy to assist you. These services are available on both Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses.

*International student advisors* can provide you with advice on practical things to consider when leaving Canada, such as how to terminate a lease and close a bank account. They can also provide guidance on university policies and resources, and help you find information on immigration questions. You can book an appointment with an international student advisor by calling 204 474 8502. The International Centre is located at 541 University Centre.

You can book an appointment with a counsellor at the *Student Counselling Centre* by calling 204 474-8592. The Student Counselling Centre is located at 474 University Centre.

#### **Academic Matters and Documents:**

If you require documents such as transcripts or other proof of academic standing, please contact the Registrar's Office at 204 474 9892 or by email from your umanitoba account to [Rahel.Birhan@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Rahel.Birhan@umanitoba.ca). The Registrar's Office is located at 400 University Centre.

We recommend that you contact your graduate advisor, or an academic advisor in your faculty or program of study, to discuss where you are in your current degree. They can also give you information on how to transfer credits to another educational institution outside of Canada, if you wish to do so.

Please reconcile any fees owing on your account, and return any books to the library, so there are no issues with transferring credits.

Please also remember to update your contact information in Aurora so we have your forwarding address:

Step 1: [Login](#) to Aurora Student

Step 2: Select 'Personal Information'

Step 3: Select 'Update Addresses and Phones'

Step 4: Select the address that you wish to update, enter the new data and submit changes. Make sure to include the dates for which it is valid; if you are not sure when it will expire, do not enter an 'until' date.

If you have difficulty when trying to update addresses, emails and phone numbers using Aurora, please [contact the Registrar's Office](#) for assistance.

Immigration Questions:

You may have questions about your current immigration status and the validity of your study or work permit. We currently do not know of any changes made by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), however, we encourage you to directly [contact IRCC](#) if you have any questions.

Other Contact Information:

If you have questions about the current situation, you can also contact the [Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau in Canada](#) at 613-238-5555 or by email at [Queries@saudibureau.org](mailto:Queries@saudibureau.org).

# Information for Saudi students

ITEM	COPY
Web button	Information for Saudi students  Please use generic International Centre template

## New webpage

<b>Page Link:</b>	<b>Please create new webpage following your standard process, ending the URL in 'saudi'</b>
<b>Name/ Heading:</b>	<b>Information for Saudi students at the University of Manitoba</b>
<b>Deadlines: (if applicable):</b>	N/A
<b>Student Events Page Listings</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	<b>See separate file for content – please also create jump links as per comment in document</b>
<b>For more information:</b>	N/A

**Robyn Wellman**

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**From:** Lindsay Stewart Glor <Lindsay.Stewart\_glor@umanitoba.ca>  
**Sent:** August 16, 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** Jay Doering; Susan Taylor  
**Subject:** Saudi web page

Hi everyone,

Here's the link: [http://umanitoba.ca/research/international\\_centre/saudi.html](http://umanitoba.ca/research/international_centre/saudi.html)

Fred is also posting a button, which will link to the page, on the main International Centre site. I would recommend we move the button back to promoting events in one week.

We will also add to the bottom of the UM Today story.

Thanks,  
Lindsay.

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Image: Link to [Front and Centre campaign website](#)



## Randy Roller

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**From:** Norman Delos Reyes  
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**Subject:** Updates on the situation affecting Saudi students in Canada  
**Attachments:** Saudi Updates August 16, 2018.pdf

*The attached correspondence is sent on behalf of Ms. Susie Taylor, Director, International Centre.*



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Further to our communication last week, please see the update below regarding our Saudi students.

#### General

- A webpage to provide information to Saudi students will go live on the International Centre [website](#) today
- It provides general information to all affected students, i.e., PGME, graduate, undergraduate and non-degree students
- Please visit this webpage to see the information being provided to our Saudi students; note that details related to leaves are not posted online, but students have been notified
- Students will receive a free transcript or statement of academic standing if they are not on financial hold. If they are on hold, we will work with them on a case-by-case basis.
- Students have been asked to update their contact information in Aurora, return library books, and reconcile any fees owing on their accounts
- Students have also been encouraged to access UofM resources. These include:
  - International Centre Advisors - for practical advice on things to consider before leaving Canada, and to help them find information on immigration questions
  - Counsellors
  - Faculty Advisors and Academic Advisors

#### PGME

- All students are going on an unpaid leave of absence starting 23 August 2018; this is consistent with other PGME programs in Canada
- Students are being provided a certificate of work completed to date
- The Faculty of Health Sciences has met with PGME students and remains in contact with them



**Graduate**

- All graduate students will be granted an exceptional leave of absence; this will stop the clock with respect to time in program
- Students close to completion (we're aware of approximately 3) will be dealt with on a case-by case basis to see if FGS can facilitate their completion over the next few months
- An email has gone out to faculty supervisors of Saudi students; another email will go out today to the students themselves with information

**Undergraduate and non-degree**

- There is significant variability in undergraduate and non degree student situations; as such, all undergraduate situations will be dealt with on a case-by case basis
- I am the point of contact for this group and have sent an email to them, providing them with information

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Susie K. Taylor**  
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**Subject:** Update on the situation affecting Saudi students in Canada

**Importance:** High

*The following correspondence is sent on behalf of Mrs. Susan Gottheil, Vice Provost (Students).*



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### Message from Susan M. Gottheil, Vice-Provost (Students)

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Many of you have heard about the recent diplomatic situation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Canada. Saudi students in Canada have received letters from their government indicating that all Saudi scholarship funding has been suspended. Students who hold these scholarships have been informed that they must return to Saudi Arabia by the end of August. Non-scholarship holders have been strongly urged to return as well. This decision affects undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate medical education students at the University of Manitoba.

The University has been working with the Government of Canada, and universities across the country, to ensure a coordinated response to this situation. We will provide more information as it becomes available. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact the following:

Undergraduate student questions: Susie Taylor, 204-474-8502

Graduate student questions: Joyce Lamb, 204-474-8086

Postgraduate medical education student questions: Michelle Oshanyk, 204-295-2737

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Further to our communication last week, please see the update below regarding our Saudi students.

#### General

- A webpage to provide information to Saudi students will go live on the Internal Centre [website](#) today
- It provides general information to all affected students, i.e., PGME, graduate, undergraduate and non-degree students
- Please visit this [webpage](#) to see the information being provided to our Saudi students; note that details related to leaves are not posted online, but students have been notified
- Students will receive a free transcript or statement of academic standing if they are not on financial hold. If they are on hold, we will work with them on a case-by-case basis.
- Students have been asked to update their contact information in Aurora, return library books, and reconcile any fees owing on their accounts
- Students have also been encouraged to access UofM resources. These include:
  - International Centre Advisors - for practical advice on things to consider before leaving Canada, and to help them find information on immigration questions
  - Counsellors
  - Faculty Advisors and Academic Advisors

#### PGME

- All students are going on an unpaid leave of absence starting 23 August 2018; this is consistent with other PGME programs in Canada
- Students are being provided a certificate of work completed to date
- The Faculty of Health Sciences has met with PGME students and remains in contact with them





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**Graduate**

- All graduate students will be granted an exceptional leave of absence; this will stop the clock with respect to time in program
- Students close to completion (we're aware of approximately 3) will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis to see if FGS can facilitate their completion over the next few months
- An email has gone out to faculty supervisors of Saudi students; another email will go out today to the students themselves with information

**Undergraduate and non-degree**

- There is significant variability in undergraduate and non-degree student situations; as such, all undergraduate situations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis
- I am the point of contact for this group and have sent an email to them, providing them with information

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Susie K. Taylor  
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**From:** ~~PGME Email Account~~  
**To:** ~~PGME Email Account~~  
**Cc:** ~~"Dr. C. Yaffe"; Michelle Oshanyk; Gail Tomczuk; Susan Snusher; Kim Le; Wendi Charette; Fitri Gagne; Donna Coulis; Tracy Smith; Nathan Dueck~~  
**Subject:** UPDATE - Information Request for Saudi Arabian Sponsored Trainees-August 28, 2018  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 2:20:26 PM  
**Attachments:** ~~image003.png~~  
~~Letter to Deans and Postgrad Deans of Medicine RE Further Instructions f....pdf~~

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Good afternoon,

***On behalf of Dr C Yaffe, Associate Dean PGME***

We have received the following update from the Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau today.

1. All trainees in residency and fellowship programs may, at their option, remain in their programs at the Canadian Medical schools until such time as they have obtained final admissions into equivalent training programs in other countries;
2. Any trainee who are presently on leave of absence may, at their option, return to their programs and resume their training in Canada.

Please work with your trainees to accommodate their return to training if on a leave of absence and continue their postgraduate training until further notice.

Thank you again for your support with accommodating the Saudi trainees.

*Wendi Charette on behalf of Dr C Yaffe, Associate Dean, PGME*

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**Subject:** UPDATE - Information Request for Saudi Arabian Sponsored Trainees August 21, 2018

Good Afternoon,

***On behalf of Dr C Yaffe, Associate Dean PGME***

We have received the following update from the PGME Dean's National Committee which will be communicated to your programs today.

**PGME Dean's National Committee update**

The Saudi Bureau has received formal approval from Saudi's Deputy Minister of Education to extend the deadline by which Saudi residents and fellows must cease training to **Saturday, September 22, 2018**.

The Bureau is encouraging schools to invite trainees to return to clinical service, and commits to covering the costs for their training through to September 22.

Please work with your trainees to accommodate the extension, if requested. Saudi trainees have been informed about this update as well.

Thank you

*Wendi Charette on behalf of Dr C Yaffe, Associate Dean, PGME*

Good afternoon,

Further to the August 10, 2018 email Dr C Yaffe has been in regular communication with the PGME Associate Dean's across Canada

who are cautiously optimistic and hopeful that a resolution can be found for the Saudi Arabian trainees.

If the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) continues to direct all trainees to return home by September 1, 2018 then we ask programs to proceed with the following:

1. Trainees should be placed on an unpaid LOA to ensure that their status as a University of Manitoba registered resident remains active. The leave of absence can be as early as today or at the beginning of Block 3. The Saudi trainees are trying to get their affairs in order while contemplating how they will proceed with training. This has been very stressful for most of them so we ask that you work with the trainees to determine their needs and try to accommodate them as much possible.
2. If the situation has not been resolved before August 31, 2018 please collect pagers and HSC ID's before the trainees depart from Canada.
3. Trainees have been informed that they will return from their leave of absence (LOA) once a positive resolution to this situation has occurred.

We have included the following documents for your reference:

FAQ Saudi Trainees  
KSA – credential Exams FAQ

If you have not already done so please ensure you have provided our office with the information requested below so we can provide the trainees with letters of good standing and completed rotations should they required to leave.

Many thanks

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**Subject:** Information Request for Saudi Arabian Sponsored Trainees  
**Importance:** High

Hello Program Directors and Administrators,

Please kindly provide the following information for your Saudi Arabian Sponsored Trainees in your Program by email to [PGME@umanitoba.ca](mailto:PGME@umanitoba.ca) as soon as possible:

1. Confirmation that the trainee is in good standing
2. Verified List of all Rotations and Rotation Dates that the trainee has successfully completed from the beginning of their training until the End of Block 2 of 2018-19 academic year (August 22, 2018) \*\* *Through VENTIS, you have the ability to retrieve the rotation listing with the dates for your verification – please refer to [VENTIS Manuals for Instructions](#).*

This information will assist us to support the trainees during this difficult time.

We will continue to keep you informed as information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let the PGME Office know.

Thank you and Have a great day!

Cliff Yaffe, MD, FRCSC

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# Information for Saudi Students at the University of Manitoba

## Key Contacts

Advising and Counselling  
Academic Matters and Documents  
Immigration Questions  
Other Contact Information

*We understand that many of you have been notified by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that educational and scholarship programs in Canada have been suspended and that some of you may have received a directive to leave Canada. On Aug. 28, 2018, we received information indicating medical trainees in the PGME program are able to stay in Canada. On October 4, 2018 we were advised that Graduate (Master's and PhD) students in all academic disciplines who currently hold valid scholarships and whose time-limit for completion of their particular program has not yet expired; and Undergraduate scholarship students in the final year of their Bachelor Programs are eligible to return. We strongly recommend that those planning to return do so in Winter Term 2019.*

During this time of potential stress and uncertainty, all students are encouraged to make use of the many accessible resources and supports. Please explain that you are a Saudi student when you contact these offices; we are aware of the situation and will be able to help you.

We value the contribution of our Saudi students and are continuing to work with the Government of Canada, and universities across the country, to ensure a coordinated response to this situation.

## Key Contacts:

- Undergraduate students: Susie Taylor, [Susie.taylor@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Susie.taylor@umanitoba.ca), 204-474 8502
- Graduate students: Joyce Lamb, [joyce.lamb@umanitoba.ca](mailto:joyce.lamb@umanitoba.ca), 204-474-8086
- Postgraduate medical education students: Michelle Oshanyk, [michelle.oshanyk@umanitoba.ca](mailto:michelle.oshanyk@umanitoba.ca), 204-295 2737

## Advising and Counselling:

International student advisors in the International Centre and counsellors in the Student Counselling Centre are available for you to talk to; their services are confidential and they are happy to assist you. These services are available on both Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses.

International student advisors can provide you with advice on practical things to consider when leaving Canada, such as how to terminate a lease and close a bank account. They can also provide guidance on university policies and resources, and help you find information on immigration questions.

You can book an appointment with an international student advisor by calling 204-474-8502. The International Centre is located at 541 University Centre.

You can book an appointment with a counsellor at the *Student Counselling Centre* by calling 204-474-8592. The Student Counselling Centre is located at 474 University Centre.

## Academic Matters and Documents:

If you require documents such as transcripts or other proof of academic standing, please contact the Registrar's Office at 204-474-9892 or by email from your [umanitoba](mailto:umanitoba) account to [Rahel.Birhan@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Rahel.Birhan@umanitoba.ca). The Registrar's Office is located at 400 University Centre.

We recommend that you contact your graduate advisor, or an academic advisor in your faculty or program of study, to discuss where you are in your current degree or program. They can also give you information on how to transfer credits to another educational institution outside of Canada, if you wish to do so.

Please reconcile any fees owing on your account, and return any books to the library, so there are no issues with transferring credits.

Please also remember to update your contact information in Aurora so we have your forwarding address:

- Step 1: Login to Aurora Student
- Step 2: Select 'Personal Information'
- Step 3: Select 'Update Addresses and Phones'
- Step 4: Select the address that you wish to update, enter the new data and submit changes. Make sure to include the dates for which it is valid; if you are not sure when it will expire, do not enter an 'until' date.

If you have difficulty when trying to update addresses, emails and phone numbers using Aurora, please contact the Registrar's Office for assistance.

## Immigration Questions:

You may have questions about your current immigration status and the validity of your study or work permit. We currently do not know of any changes made by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), however, we encourage you to directly contact IRCC if you have any questions.

## Other Contact Information:

If you have questions about the current situation, you can also contact the Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau in Canada at 613-238-5555 or by email at [Querles@saudibureau.org](mailto:Querles@saudibureau.org).



**Robyn Wellman**

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**From:** Susie Taylor <Susie.Taylor@umanitoba.ca>  
**Sent:** October 5, 2018 2:53 PM  
**To:** Jay Doering  
**Subject:** Update on Saudi things

Hi Jay,

Just keeping you in the loop – Janine updated the website to reflect the new Saudi information. After a meeting with Brenda Grabowski, I drafted an email that Todd/Susan reviewed and OK'd for me to send to the returning grad students (below for your reference).

We were concerned about the students arriving here in October/November because they can't register for Fall term – as a result they may invalidate their study permit by not studying, and they won't be included in the health insurance plan. So we have welcomed them back, but encouraged them to plan their arrival for Winter term.

Let me know if you have any questions!

All the best,  
Susie

Hello,

We understand that sponsored graduate students have received notice from the Saudi Cultural Bureau that they can resume studies in Canada. We are very happy to hear that you will be able to complete your program with us, and look forward to welcoming you back to the University of Manitoba.

At this time, we advise returning for the beginning of Winter term, since the Fall registration deadline has passed. Students arriving mid-Fall term may not be able to register, which could affect the validity of your study permit and your health insurance coverage. Your exceptional leave of absence will continue until the end of Fall term, so your time in program will not be affected. This will also allow you time to organize your accommodation and flights.

The International Centre is available to provide support during your transition back to Canada. If you have any questions, please contact me directly, at: [Susie.taylor@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Susie.taylor@umanitoba.ca), 204-474 8502.

Sincerely,  
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