
RESEARCH MANITOBA BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The following individuals have been appointed to the Research Manitoba board of directors for a three-year term, effective March 18, 2026 to Jan. 30, 2029.

New board members:

Dr. Alain Beaudry (Winnipeg) is the principal at Waapihk Research, an Indigenous-led organization focused on Indigenous health. He serves as a member-at-large on the Circumpolar Health Research Network and as chair of the Canadian Indigenous Admissions Stream at the Max Rady College of Medicine. He has a doctor of medicine and a bachelor of science from the University of Manitoba, as well as a master of arts (economics) and a bachelor of arts (honours) from the University of Winnipeg.

Kerry Harris (Winnipeg) is the director of strategic partnerships at mode40. She previously served as business development lead for the National Research Council of Canada's Advanced Manufacturing Program and as the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce's policy director. Harris holds a bachelor of commerce from the University of Manitoba and a business administration diploma from RRC Polytech.

Martin Scanlon, PhD (Winnipeg) is a professor in the University of Manitoba's department of food and human nutritional sciences. He previously served as dean of the faculty of agricultural and food sciences and is past-president of the Deans Council for Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Medicine. He also serves on the New Frontiers in Research Fund Explorations Panel as well as Bioenterprise Canada's Scientific Advisory Committee. Scanlon holds a doctor of philosophy and a bachelor of science (honours) in food science from the University of Leeds, as well as an operative miller certificate with distinction from the City and Guilds Foundation (London, England).

Gautam Srivastava, PhD (Brandon) is a professor at Brandon University and a visiting research professor at Chitkara University in India and China Medical University in Taiwan. He serves as president of the Brandon University Faculty Association, was co-chair of BU's Community in Action committee and served as the senate representative on the chief information officer and dean of arts search committees. Srivastava holds a doctor of philosophy in computer science, a master of science from the University of Victoria and a bachelor of science in mathematics and computer science from Briar Cliff University.

Joelle Foster (Winnipeg) is president and CEO of North Forge Technology Exchange and co-founder and managing partner at the Women's Equity Lab. Under her leadership, North Forge became an accredited Mitacs incubator in partnership with Lab2Market, accelerating

commercialization across post-secondary institutions. Foster is involved with Technology Councils North America, Canada Tech Network and University of Manitoba Associates, and serves as RRC Polytech's co-chair and as a member of Research Manitoba's College of Reviewers. Foster holds a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of Manitoba and multiple business certifications from RRC Polytech.

The following board members have been re-appointed:

- Andrea Legary (Grande Pointe), two-year term from March 18, 2026, to March 17, 2028;
- Erin Romeo (Winnipeg), two-year term from March 18, 2026, to March 17, 2028; and
- Brian Mario Pinto (Winnipeg), two-year term from April 5, 2026, to April 4, 2028.