

BC Ministry of Health COVID 19 Research Grant

Application Deadlines:

October 31 @ midnight

If the deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday the applications are due the following Monday.

Eligibility

All VIU faculty (full time, part time and sessional) are eligible to apply for this grant if they do not have any outstanding reports on previous grants. Priority is given to those who have not received funding in the previous year.

Value

Up to \$25,000

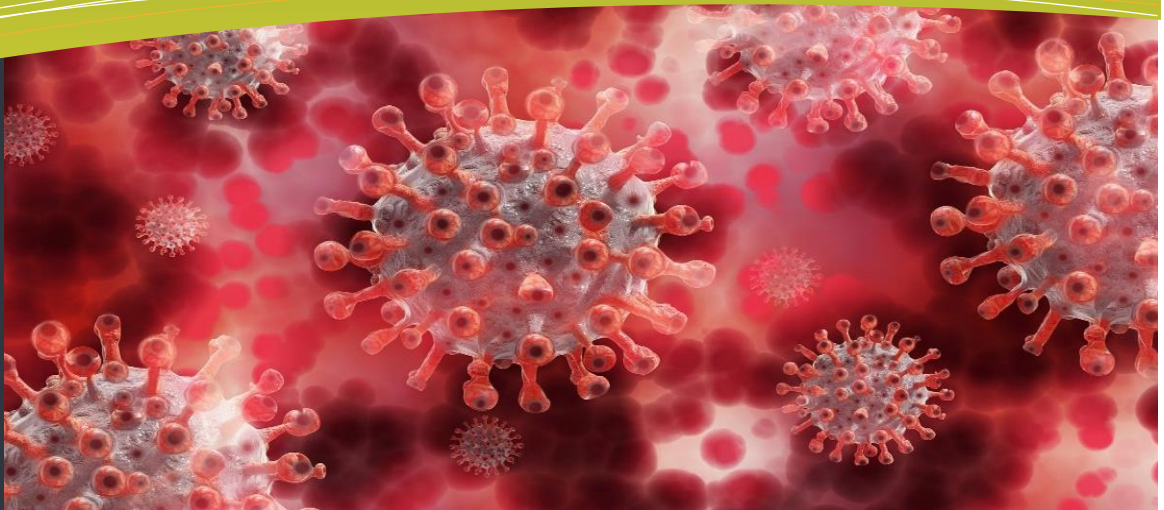
Duration

1 year

Adjudicated by:

Vancouver Island University Research Awards Committee (VIURAC)

Pending funding.



Supporting BC Ministry of Health Research Priorities

COVID 19 has presented numerous opportunities for researchers to undertake studies that help address our current knowledge gaps in health research. The BC Ministry of Health COVID-19 Research Grants are designed to enable BC researchers to engage in work to address pressing research priorities. The initial call for 2020 includes 10 priorities and future funding calls will include an expanded set of priorities. This grant is expected to continue annually pending funding.

The BC Ministry of Health is inviting the BC research community to help address urgently needed programs of research as part of their recent Research and Knowledge Mobilization Strategy. Applicants are encouraged to obtain a copy of the priorities from the Research Development Manager to obtain additional information re. identify potential research questions, and projects underway at other institutions/potential collaborators.

Applications to this program must address one or more of the below priorities:

- 1) *The effectiveness of social distancing on different communities*
- 2) *Protecting and strengthening youth and child health during the pandemic*
- 3) *Mental health in virtual care*
- 4) *Safe staffing models within a pandemic*
- 5) *Access to mental health care: Rapid analysis of population-based administrative data*
- 6) *Impact of COVID-19 on BC's public drug plan*
- 7) *Psychological health and safety supports for healthcare professionals*
- 8) *Substance Use Supports in Congregate Housing*
- 9) *Staff time lost waiting for negative health workforce test results*
- 10) *Action-research (in real time, with learning applied immediately and ongoing study and adaptation), on: long term care and hospital interventions, community outbreaks, school resumption and outbreaks, HHR implications*

Application Instructions



Need assistance with your proposal?

Contact

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Criteria for Evaluation

Strength of Project Proposal (50%)

1. Clear articulation of the research problem, issue or opportunity, the research question to be examined and the research or creative activity to be undertaken.
2. Alignment with one or more of the 9 Ministry of Health research priority areas noted above and ability of the project to address the questions/issues posed by the MoH.
3. Clear description and appropriateness of the methods or approach to be used;
4. Significance and potential for the project to create potential impact in society;
5. Strategies to mobilize the knowledge to academic audiences;
6. Potential for the project to build/enhance the research program and reputation for the proponent, students and VIU.
7. Potential to attract external funding and/or identifies leveraging of funds from other sources.

Implementation (20%)

1. Likelihood that the proposed objectives will be met within the timeline.
2. Identification of any potential risks that may occur during implementation and strategies that will be used to manage them (where possible) for a successful outcome.
3. Appropriateness of the proposed budget and justification of resources. *Refer to eligible expenses on the application form.*
4. Description of how the project will comply with VIU's [Resuming Research Framework](#).

Capability of the Team (20%)

1. Evidence of adequate quality of expertise to implement the proposed plan;
2. Clarity of roles and responsibilities for the team members identified in the workplan.
3. Project team includes external collaborators (i.e. other BC academics or non academic partners).

Engagement of VIU students (10%)

1. This project must employ at least one paid VIU student in a meaningful way.

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Proposal components:

1. Abstract (300 words) ready for sharing publicly on the web if funded.
2. Project description (max 6 pages) that includes:
 - a) problem and clear research question,
 - b) brief literature review to support the approach,
 - c) methods to be used with a timeline,
 - d) outputs and anticipated outcomes and impacts, and
 - e) plans to mobilize or commercialize the knowledge or outputs.
3. Budget and justification (max 1 page).
4. Project team, roles and responsibilities.
5. References.
6. Combine all documents into one PDF and submit using [ROMEIO](#).

Eligible Expenses

1. Reassignment of workload for faculty
2. Wages or compensation for students.
3. Travel costs associated to the research project.
4. Costs associated to hosting virtual meetings or gatherings to conduct the project.
5. Materials and supplies.
6. Promotional materials.
7. Equipment may be eligible if well justified. Any equipment purchased must be made available to other VIU faculty for research projects.

NOTE: All research activities must abide by the Resuming Research Framework during COVID 19.

