

# BC Ministry of Health Research Seed Grant

## Application Deadlines:

Notice of Intent:

March 7 @ midnight

Full Application:

March 21 @ midnight

## 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.

## Value:

Up to \$50,000

Note: partial funding may be awarded.

## Duration:

1 year

## Have Questions?

Contact one of VIU's Grant Facilitators:  
Tamara MacNeil, Roisin Mulligan or Bettina Ruhstein



## Supporting BC Ministry of Health Research Priorities

The objective of this program is to support health research projects that will address research questions identified by the Ministry. The Ministry encourages multidisciplinary and inter-institutional research, in priority health-related areas. There will be opportunities for approved project research teams to collaborate with Ministry program and policy staff (the knowledge users) at multiple points from project initiation to completion. This is a two-stage competition involving a Notice of Intent (NOI) and a Full Application.

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

- 1) What programs or services enhance Indigenous-patient experience in health care? For example, the project could explore programs like the Elders-in-residence and the Indigenous patient navigator roles, to address how they have enhanced Indigenous peoples' experience in health care.
- 2) How can Indigenous maternal health be enhanced within rural and remote regions? There is a particular interest in Indigenous doula training and programs, Indigenous midwifery and programs that support mentorship and support for mothers and babes.
- 3) What is the effectiveness of ketamine-assisted therapy in treating mental health and substance use issues experienced by Indigenous people?

The source of funding for these awards is from the British Columbia Ministry of Health.

## 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 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 Ministry knowledge users and 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.*

### 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 work plan.
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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### NOI components:

1. Project title.
2. Name and Department of project lead.
3. Names and affiliations of any co-applicants (co-applicants do not need to be from VIU).
4. Total amount requested
5. Keywords (up to 10).
6. Abstract (250 words max).

### Full Application components:

1. Project description (max 5 pages) that includes:
  - a) issue to be addressed and clear research question(s),
  - 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 the knowledge.
2. Budget and justification (max 1 page).
3. Project team, roles and responsibilities (max 1 page).
4. References.
5. 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.

