

Collaborate Grants

Application Deadlines:

Open

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

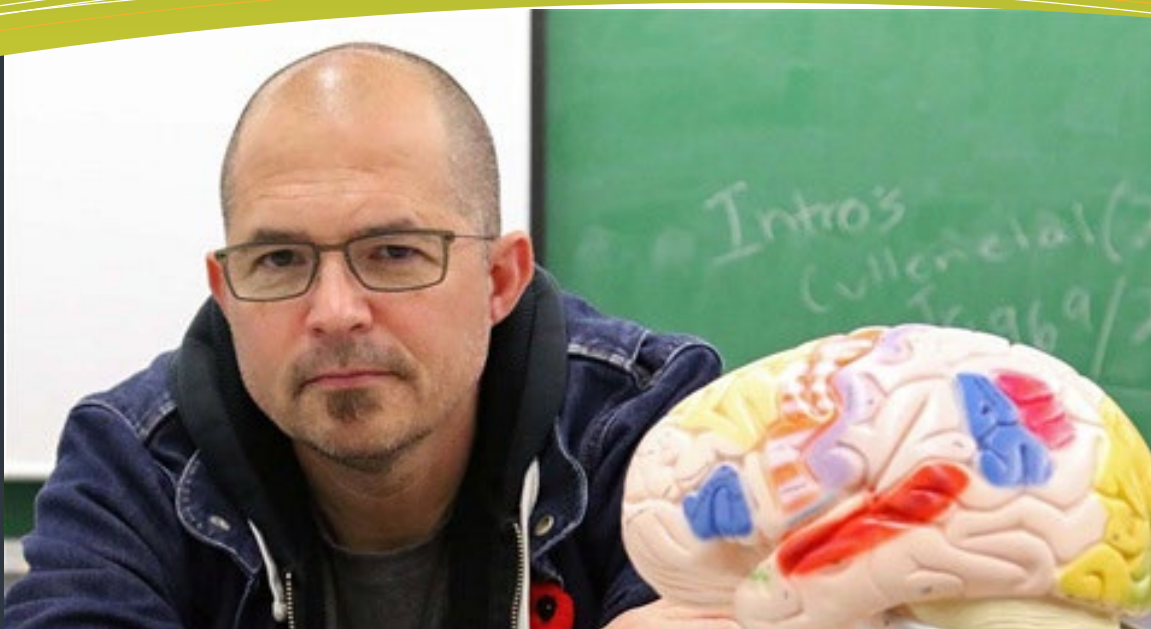
Up to \$2000

Duration

1 year

Adjudicated by:

Vancouver Island University Research Awards Committee (VIURAC)



Creating clusters and encouraging collaboration

When faculty connect with one another and combine their talents and expertise, enhanced collaboration occurs.

The Collaborate Grants are expected to support the **Collaborate and Build Clusters** objective of VIU's Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity Strategic plan. They are intended to enable VIU faculty to invest in the development of research centres, labs and institutes to develop strategic plans and communication tools that promote pathways for faculty and student collaboration on projects. These awards will result in greater awareness of VIU's research centers, institutes and labs and increased opportunities for collaboration.

In the first year of this program (2019-2020), funding will be provided to proposed and existing centers, institutes and labs to develop a strategic plan and communication tools. In the following years, funding will be available to approved centers, institutes and labs to apply for funding to implement the priorities in their strategic plans.

The source of funding for this awards includes: 1) Vancouver Island University and 2) the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) through the SSHRC Institutional Grant program. The allocation of funding from SSHRC will only be provided to SSHRC eligible faculty. The VIURAC committee has the ability to reallocate funding for any of the grants it adjudicates, depending on the quantity and quality of submissions received.

Application Instructions



Need assistance with your proposal?

Contact one of VIU's Grant Facilitators

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Eligible Expenses

1. Costs associated to the development of a strategic plan (i.e. facilitator, hosting of planning sessions).
2. Costs associated to the design and development of communication tools (web design, maintenance, hosting) and promotional tools (research reports, banners, etc.)
3. Wages or compensation for students.

Ineligible Expenses

1. Equipment costs.
2. Costs associated to knowledge mobilization.

Criteria for Evaluation

Alignment, profile and support

1. The activities of the Centre, Institute or Lab align with the goals of VIU's institutional plans.
2. The proposal will enhance the profile of the centre, institute or lab and VIU both internally and externally.
3. The proposed or existing centre, institute or lab is supported by appropriate Deans or Directors.
4. The proposed or existing centre, institute or lab has adequate faculty involvement and identifies plans to expand involvement among other faculty members.

Clarity and feasibility

1. Identifies clear objectives for the project and identifies how the activities will aid in the development of the research centre, institute or lab.
2. Likelihood that the proposed objectives will be met within the timeline.
3. Appropriateness of the proposed budget and justification of resources. *Refer to eligible expenses.*

Capability of the Team

1. Evidence that the project team has adequate expertise to guide the project to a successful outcome.
2. Clarity of roles and responsibilities for the team members is evidenced in the workplan.

Engagement of VIU students

1. VIU students are not required to be involved in project; however, projects that provide meaningful engagement of at least one VIU student are strongly encouraged to help build capacity in research development.
2. The goal of the proposal highlights opportunities for VIU students to become engaged in the centre, institute or lab in the future.

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Proposal components:

1. Abstract (300 words) ready for sharing publicly on the web if funded.
2. Project description (max 2 pages) that includes:
 - a) description of centre, institute or lab, b) the objectives of the project, c) the planned activities, d) anticipated outcomes and impacts.
3. Budget and justification (max 1 page).
4. Combine all documents into one PDF and submit using [ROMEIO](#).

