

Gather Grants

Application Deadlines:

October 31, 2019

March 15, 2020

(pending funds)



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 \$3000

Duration

1 year

Adjudicated by:

Vancouver Island University
Research Awards Committee
(VIURAC)

Supporting the mobilization of knowledge through gatherings

Knowledge, when shared, creates powerful opportunities for learning and collaboration. As a learning institution, VIU is committed to mobilizing the knowledge that is created by faculty and students. The Gather Grants are part of a new suite of programs to support the realization of the Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity Plan (2017-22).

The **Gather Grants** are expected to support the **Communicate** objective of this plan. They are intended to enable VIU faculty to host events and gatherings (such as, but not limited to, conferences, symposia, exhibitions or performances) that mobilize knowledge to academic or non-academic audiences. These grants provide short-term and timely support to share insights gained from research undertaken by VIU faculty and students and to deepen relationships with external researchers or community partners. These awards will result in greater awareness of the research being done at VIU and enable stronger collaboration between VIU faculty and external groups.

The source of funding for these awards includes: 1) Vancouver Island University and 2) the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) through the SSHRC Exchange Grants and the SSHRC Institutional Grant programs, 3) National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) through the General Research Fund (GRF). The allocation of funding from the SSHRC Exchange Grant will only be provided to SSHRC eligible faculty and NSERC GRF will only be provided to NSERC eligible faculty whereas the VIU portion can fund all other disciplines. 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.



Eligible Expenses

1. Costs associated to hosting meetings or gatherings (i.e. facility rentals, hospitality, promotional materials, speakers fees, travel costs for presenters, materials and supplies)
2. Wages or compensation for students

Ineligible Expenses

1. Equipment costs
2. Costs associated to knowledge mobilization at events that are not hosted by VIU

Application Instructions



Need assistance with your proposal?

Contact one of VIU's Grant Facilitators

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Criteria for Evaluation

Knowledge mobilization strategy (60%)

1. Goals and objectives of the project are clearly articulated;
2. The knowledge that will be shared is clearly articulated and has originated from VIU faculty and students scholarship, research or creative activity.
3. The audiences that will benefit from the gathering are identified and strategies to engage their participation in the event are detailed.
4. The type of gathering is described with rationale to support why it is timely or important for them to meet.
5. There is potential for the gathering to create/enhance relationships between VIU and external groups.

Feasibility (20%)

1. Likelihood that the proposed objectives will be met within the timeline.
2. Evidence of meaningful involvement, commitment or interest by the audiences involved in the event.
3. Appropriateness of the proposed budget and justification of resources. *Refer to eligible expenses*

Capability of the Team (10%)

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 (10%)

1. VIU students are not required to be involved in projects, however, projects that provide meaningful engagement of at least one VIU student are strongly encouraged to help build capacity in knowledge mobilization.

Proposal components:

Apply online using the

[VIURAC Application Form](#)

Proposals should include:

1. [A signed Institutional Signature Sheet](#)
2. Abstract (300 words) ready for sharing publicly on the web if funded
3. Project description (max 4 pages) that includes: a) description of the research and knowledge that will be mobilized b) description of the audiences that will be involved c) the type of gathering that will be held, d) anticipated outcomes and impacts.
4. Budget and justification (max 1 page)
5. Project team (max 1 page) and their roles in the project.
6. References

Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity

