

Innovate 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 \$5000

Duration

1 year

Adjudicated by:

Vancouver Island University
Research Awards
Committee (VIURAC)

Encouraging innovation and creativity

VIU values discovery and the development of innovative and creative outputs and applications that push the boundaries of disciplinary or industry knowledge. The Innovate Grants are part of a new suite of programs to support the realization of the Scholarship, Research and Creative Activity Plan (2017-22).

The **Innovate Grants** are expected to support the **Creation of Knowledge, Innovation, Applications and Works** objective of this plan. Sometimes funding sources are limiting to researchers who want to take risks and pilot or experiment with new, exciting and bold projects. These grants are intended to allow VIU faculty to undertake projects that are “cutting edge” or that push the boundaries of disciplinary knowledge, methods or approaches or ways of disseminating work resulting in the potential for significant impact in society. Innovation Grants will stimulate VIU faculty to consider, design and pilot new, cutting edge projects that have the potential for application and impact in society.

Note: Applicants cannot apply for Innovate and Inquiry Grants for the same project.

The source of funding for these awards is from Vancouver Island University (up to \$20,000 annual allocation) and they are adjudicated by the Vancouver Island University Research Awards Committee. *The VIURAC committee has the ability to reallocate funding for any of the grants that it adjudicates, depending on the quantity and quality of submissions received.*

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Application Instructions

Eligible Expenses

1. Wages or compensation for students
2. Travel costs associated to the research project
3. Costs associated to hosting meetings or gatherings to conduct the project or share the results
4. Materials and supplies
5. Promotional materials
6. Equipment costs are an eligible expense but proponents are encouraged to utilize existing VIU equipment where possible. Any equipment purchased must be made available to other VIU Faculty for research projects.



Criteria for Evaluation

Innovation and Impact (60%)

1. Clear articulation of the project and elements that make it innovative.
2. Identification of the innovative or creative outputs or applications that will be produced in the project.
3. Clear description and appropriateness of the methods or approach to be used;
4. Significance and potential for the project to create potential impact;
5. Potential for the project to build/enhance the research program and reputation for the proponent and VIU.

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*

Capability of the Team (10%)

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.

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 innovation.

Need assistance with your proposal?

Contact one of VIU's Grant Facilitators

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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 6 pages) that includes: a) problem, issue or opportunity that requires innovative solutions, b) brief literature 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.
4. Budget and justification (max 1 page)
5. Project team (max 1 page) and their roles in the project.
6. References

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