

Time Award

Application Deadline:

February 1, 2023
by midnight

Eligibility

12.4.9.2 In order to be eligible for a section release as defined in Article 12.4.1.2, a faculty member must:

- a) have a regular appointment and at least three (3) years of VIUFA Seniority.
- b) propose a research project that is appropriate in scope and duration for a section release, and meets the eligibility requirements outlined in Article 12.4.9.1.2
- c) not hold a half-year assisted leave in the same academic year in which the section release was taken.

Value

1 – 2 sections of teaching workload reassignment or equivalent for non-instructional or VIUFA faculty.

Duration

Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

Terms

Adjudicated by:

Vancouver Island University
VIUFA Assisted Leave
Committee



Supporting VIUFA faculty with time to engage in scholarship, research and creative activity

VIU understands that faculty benefits from protected time to engage in scholarship, research and creative activity. This activity allows faculty opportunities for professional growth and development, enables them to contribute to their discipline(s), and enhances their professional practice.

The Time Awards are an internal funding opportunity available to VIUFA faculty as a section release. A section release is intended to support Professional Development and Scholarly Activity projects that do not require full-year or half-year leaves. A section release allows a faculty member one or two sections of release in an academic year. All sections are funded at 100% and do not impact eligibility for other releases. A section release cannot be taken as overload or banked for future use. Further sections of release may be provided as resources allow.

Time Awards for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.

Please indicate which timeframe you are applying for in the Romeo system.



Criteria for Evaluation

To assist faculty in the preparation of their applications, the Committee would like faculty to be aware that proposals will be evaluated and ranked using the following criteria:

Quality and Clarity

An application “headed for success” should provide an excellent summary and be marked by an overall appearance that is deemed outstanding. The applicant should:

- Use **clear, unambiguous language**. Unfamiliar terms and concepts must be defined. The proposal must be clear enough for a generalist to understand it. It is particularly important that the methodologies specific to the applicant’s scholarly activities be explained carefully.
- **Establish a clear, well-conceived timeline and context** for the proposed scholarly activity. The applicant has obviously thought a great deal about the activities to be conducted during the leave and planned their schedule accordingly.
- Invest considerable time in the **clear organization and logical flow** of your proposal.
- Ensure **no errors (typos or facts)**. The proposal should show evidence that it has been proofread carefully many times.
- Present a **thoughtful, challenging, and innovative** leave proposal that **inspires confidence and sparks the interest and imagination of the review committee**. Committee members have fun reading an enthusiastically written, carefully crafted, and polished proposal!
- **Clearly establish the significance and timeliness** of the proposed scholarly activity; support with Bibliographic references
- Prepare your application with the **intended audience in mind**, i.e. the review committee. Anticipate questions and provide the answers.
- Provide a **balance between realism and ambition**. The applicant should demonstrate convincingly that the proposed scholarly activity is “doable.” Specific intended outcomes should be provided.

Professional Benefits

A successful application should:

- Clearly establish that the proposed reassignment is of **professional benefit**. The applicant should have convincingly established the relevance of the proposed activity to their professional growth as a scholar in his/her discipline, such as engaging in scholarly writing, in studies of educational systems, in collaborative research opportunities, or participating in conference presentations or new experiences relevant to their role within the VIU community.
- Clearly explain how the proposed scholarly activity **enhances the reputation of Vancouver Island University**. An application should show evidence, for example, that the applicant is intending to further their academic studies, to engage in scholarly writing, to present at professional society conferences, to write research grants, or that the reassignment activity will enhance the level of services provided, all of which serve to promote the reputation of VIU as an institution and support the importance of faculty scholarly activity.

Enhancement of Offerings in Applicant’s Discipline

A successful application should:

- Clearly explain how the proposed scholarly activity will **enhance the offerings in the applicant’s discipline or field**.

Supporting Documentation and Curriculum Vitae

A successful application should:

- Provide a **current, carefully prepared curriculum vitae**. The CV should indicate:
 - a. past productivity, and
 - b. contributions to VIU, e.g. committee work.
- Ensure that the CV highlights past productivity and provides evidence of scholarly **activity that demonstrates the applicant’s abilities to conduct the proposed scholarly activities**.
- Provide letters **in support of the proposed activities**. If your proposal is going to require support from another department, a letter of support would be required with your application.

Proposal components:

Apply online using [ROMEEO](#)

The ROMEEO portal will allow you to submit your application online. Once submitted, it will be reviewed by your Dean who must approve it before it advances within the ROMEEO system for review by the Committee.

Proposals should include:

1. Abstract (300 words) ready for sharing publicly on the web if funded.
2. A detailed description of the proposed activity (max 3 pages) which includes: 1) title of the activity, 2) project objectives, 3) outputs, 4) timeline, 4) professional benefits to the faculty member and 5) benefits to VIU. Include Bibliographic references where appropriate.
3. A current curriculum vitae.
4. Supporting documentation such as letters of support or acceptance (from external institutions and/or agencies), invitations, etc.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants will be required to indicate which courses they would like to be reassigned from if the project is approved.

Note:

Faculty who require internal funding support to undertake their projects are encouraged to apply for funding from the VIU Research Awards Committee

