



VIUFA Community Engagement Award (2017)

An award of \$1000 is sponsored by the Vancouver Island University Faculty Association (“VIUFA”) each academic year, to an outstanding student who demonstrates exceptional citizenship within the university community. This award is disbursed annually by the VIUFA Executive, following deliberations on the candidates by faculty.

The Terms of Reference are as follows:

- > \$1000 is awarded annually, drawn from the VIUFA annual budget;
- > the award is designated for one current student each academic year (or divided into two \$500 awards to two students in the same academic year, depending on the number and quality of applications);
- > the award is maintained by the VIUFA Executive, and it will:
 - send a Call for Applicants to Faculty as early as possible in the new year
 - share the nomination form and criteria with faculty
 - collect faculty nominations for the award by the deadline; and
 - form a selection committee from amongst its members.
- > the selection committee consist of three members of the VIUFA Executive. An Executive member may not be on the selection committee if they have nominated a candidate for the award.
- > the selection committee shall:
 - verify the content of the nomination and the student’s belief that he/she is qualified;
 - deliberate on applications according to the criteria;
 - judge from the pool of nominees the student(s) best suited to the award;
 - announce the successful recipient(s);
 - ensure payment is made to the successful candidate(s) via VIU Foundation office.

The Community Engagement Award is for a current VIU student in any field/year of studies who:

- achieves academically by accomplishing curricular expectations;
- demonstrates special qualities that align with this award’s focus on citizenship, especially through campus and community engagement;
- contributes to the positive, inclusive and forward-thinking campus life at VIU by being involved in special events, projects, and initiatives beyond course expectations;
- enhances generally the collegial environment of learning at VIU by participating in or leading campaigns, events and components of student life not featured in course curricula;
- shows leadership qualities and mentorship abilities that engage faculty, staff, fellow students and the larger community in activism and opportunities for learning;
- returns to study at VIU the following Fall semester (this is preferred, but the award does not depend on this criteria);
- declares her/his suitability to the definitive features of the award on the declaration form that is submitted in conjunction with the faculty member nomination.

Submit to:

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