

Local 8, VIUFA Report

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NEW ISSUES
<p>VIU has a NEW non-regular Pro-D Fund. It holds \$2000 per year. To be eligible, faculty must have non-regular status. Limited term contract instructors are ineligible.</p> <p>The larger research committee at VIU has sponsored grant-writing workshops to assist in encouraging people to apply. They have initiated a grant recognition night for those who have received grants as well. This adds slightly more work to this committee (usually the Chair), however, it does highlight opportunities for funds available for research.</p>
CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY
<p>Our most recent call has provided a number of people with funding for professional development opportunities for our VIUFA members:</p> <p>Japanese Canadians: \$1300 Science and Technology Lecture Series: \$800 VIU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: \$200 West Coast Ethics Forum: \$1400 Sustainability Across Curricula: \$475 Philosopher's Café: \$275</p>
CURRENT STRUCTURE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY
<p>The VIUFA Professional and Scholarly Development Committee funds amounts from \$500 up to \$2000 for members seeking financial support for collaborative professional or scholarly development activities. Larger grants will be considered if the application demonstrates significant benefit to many VIUFA members. This fund is intended for group events that enable a range of VIUFA members to collectively experience professional and/or scholarly development.</p>
UTILIZATION DATA
<p>There are two calls for proposals: November and March. The funds (approx. \$5000) per term, are allocated to best suit needs. The Fall call is often more popular than the Spring call.</p>
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
<p>n/a</p>