



VIUFA Community Engagement Award (2024)

Each year Vancouver Island University Faculty Association (“VIUFA”) sponsors an award for two outstanding students (\$1,000 each) who demonstrate exceptional citizenship within the university community. This award is disbursed annually by the VIUFA Executive, following faculty review of nomination materials.

The Terms of Reference are as follows:

- > \$2,000 is awarded annually, drawn from the VIUFA annual budget;
- > the award is designated for two students enrolled each academic year (\$1,000 each);
- > 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 among its members.
- > the selection committee will 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 they are qualified;
 - deliberate on applications according to the criteria;
 - judge which from the pool of nominees are the students best suited to the award;
 - announce the successful recipients;
 - ensure payment is made to the successful candidates via the VIU Foundation office.

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

- meet academic expectations;
- demonstrate special qualities that align with this award’s focus on citizenship, especially through campus and community engagement;
- contribute to the positive, inclusive, and forward-thinking campus life at VIU by being involved in special events, projects, and initiatives beyond course expectations;
- enhance the collegial environment at VIU by participating in or leading campaigns, events and components of student life not featured in course curricula;
- show leadership qualities and mentorship abilities that engage faculty, staff, fellow students and the larger community in activism and opportunities for learning;
- return to study at VIU the following fall semester (this is preferred, but not mandatory);
- declare their suitability to the defining features of the award on the declaration form submitted in conjunction with the faculty member’s nomination.

Submit to:

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