

VIUFA Professional and Scholarly Development Funding

Do you have an idea for a professional development event that may be of interest to other VIUFA members? Are you interested in learning about something that is not currently offered on campus, and that others might be interested in, as well? The VIUFA Professional and Scholarly Development committee funds \$500 to \$2000 for professional and/or scholarly development activities that are proposed by members and are of collective benefit to VIUFA members.

The Opportunity

- As per VIUFA Collective Agreement [Article 12.3.1 – Professional Development](#), the University “provide[s] the Association[‘s] Professional Development Committee a minimum of \$4,500 for the sponsorship of activities which in the opinion of the Committee shall be of professional interest to the general faculty.”
- The fund is for group events that are intended and designed for VIUFA members to collectively participate in professional and scholarly development.
- Proposals that support individual activity will be considered only if there is a concrete plan for how the professional and or scholarly development gained by the individual will be shared amongst other VIUFA members, thereby extending the value of the newly-acquired knowledge to members at large.

Details:

- \$4500 allocated in two competitions over academic year (application deadlines are in November and March)
- Due to Covid-related interruptions in disbursing funds, there is **\$6000** available in the 2024/2025 academic year
- All regular VIUFA members are eligible to apply
- Not all requests may be funded
- Grants over \$2000 may be considered if applications demonstrate significant benefit to the general faculty
- Funding decisions will be announced no later than one month following the application deadline
- Activities must take place within 12 months of receiving funds

Next Application Deadline: March 28, 2024 by 4:00 pm

How to Apply:

- Complete the PSD Project Proposal Application Form (attached) and send it to the Chair of VIUFA PSD Committee, Sasha Koerbler, psd@viufa.ca by the application deadline.

Address and describe the following aspects of your project:

- Description of proposed activity and how it fits within the current professional and scholarly development context at VIU;
- Clear explanation of deliverables and timelines for the project;
- Funding amount requested and budget justification;
- Estimate of how many VIUFA members will be involved in the development of the activity, and the number of potential participants;
- Detailed plan for the promotion of the event and the recruitment of VIUFA participants;
- Explanation of how the proposed activity will contribute to members’ professional and scholarly development.

Examples of Successful Proposals

[Jason Gress, "Visiting Artist and Designer Series" - Fall 2014](#)

[Jean Blackburn, "Reducing Zoom Fatigue and Caring for your Voice" - Fall 2020](#)

[Gara Pruesse, "Somatic Coaching" - Spring 2014](#)

[Melody Martin & Laurie Meijer Drees, "Engaging with Local First Nations Communities" - Spring 2013](#)

Questions/More information

- Please contact: psd@viufa.ca
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