

TRU Sustainability Research Grant for Students

What is the award for?

The purpose of this award is to encourage interdisciplinary research and expand knowledge of sustainability and sustainable development and practices, defined in terms of TRU's four pillars of sustainability: environmental, social, economic and cultural.

There are two awards of \$5,000 each.

Do I qualify to apply?

In order to be considered for a Sustainability Award, you must;

- Be a full-time student at TRU enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program
- Have completed a minimum of 60 credits of undergraduate study, or 30 credits of graduate study
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 – possible 3.0
- Have a faculty member who is willing to supervise your project
- Not have received a Sustainability Award in the past

How do I get started?

If you are interested in applying, talk to your instructors. You will need a faculty member to agree to supervise your project and to provide input on your application.

Applications are adjudicated by an internal committee who will advise applicants and their supervisors of the results within one month of the application deadline. The Office of Research and Graduate Studies will contact successful applicants with further details on the award.

What do I need to do to apply?

The application (3-4 pages) includes:

- Research program: An outline of the short term and long term goals of the project
- Program description, including justification for the research and relationship to the interdisciplinary objectives of the award, methodology, anticipated outcomes, plans for dissemination of results including reports, publications, presentations, etc.
- Letter(s) of Support from TRU Faculty Member
- Official Transcript
- Proposed Budget & Timeline

The application form is available and submitted through TRU Romeo, the online portal, **by the deadline of February 16, 2018**. Hard copy applications will not be accepted. Please note: If you have not used TRU Romeo before, you will need to REGISTER.

Students are encouraged to talk with Jim Gudjonson from the Office of Sustainability regarding your project before submitting: jgudjonson@tru.ca or 250-852-7253

Terms of Award

Two installments – 1st installment issued at time of approval \$3,000
2nd installment issued upon completion of project \$2,000

Final Report are due 2 months after completion of project within 1 year of start date.

Other Dates and Deadlines:

Although the only true deadline for applications is February 16, 2018, applicants are welcome to submit a Pre-Proposal of their project (500 word summary) by November 6, 2017 in order to receive feedback on it (which will be emailed back by November 17). Furthermore, and also voluntary, there is a Grant Writing Workshop on November 24, 2017 (4:30 to 5:30 pm; location to be announced). Finally, proponents will be notified of application results by March 16, 2018.

Pre-Proposals can be emailed, with the subject line *TRU Sustainability Research Grant for Students*, to: jgordon@tru.ca and sustain@tru.ca.