

# TRU Graduate Student Research Mentors Fellowship (Pilot Program)

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies seeks applications from TRU graduate students who are engaged in research to serve as mentors for undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry for the 2015-16 school year.

## Roles & Responsibilities:

- they will volunteer with the Research Office on a range of projects related to the enhancement of student research;
- they will have the opportunity to bring together the knowledge, skills and interests developed to this point through all aspects of the education to work on a community-engaged research project
- they will have the opportunity to work as a team, mentoring students from a variety of majors and backgrounds, pooling resources and collaborating with faculty and community leaders to understand and find solutions for issues of shared importance
- they will constitute an informal advisory board to the Research Office;
- they will help to plan and organize the annual Graduate Research Symposium and a series of graduate research workshops and guest speakers;
- they will volunteer as mentors for undergraduate researchers (e.g., RAs and UREAP students);
- they will assist, where possible, in the development and maintenance of TRU research publications and knowledge mobilization;
- they will be recognized as representatives of TRU research and creativity at campus and community events to help promote and expand research and creativity efforts across the campus.

## Award: \$7,000 (total: 2 installments of \$3,500 each).

- Each graduate program has been allotted a minimum of 3 Graduate Student Research Mentors (awarded as a Fellowship)
- The first installment directly after award confirmation and the second installment in the second semester (based on a record of consistent participation and ongoing availability) as recorded in an activity report to be submitted by the Graduate Student Mentor to the graduate program committee in December.

## Qualifications: Graduate Student Research Mentors will be TRU students who

- are in good academic standing and enrolled in an on-campus TRU graduate program
- are recommended by their graduate studies program committee
- have engaged in or are currently engaged in research or creative activities under the guidance of a faculty mentor
- can commit to consistent participation on a community project and with undergraduate apprentices and ambassadors over the two terms of the award.

**Deadline:** Completed nominations from each graduate program are due in the Office of Research by **September 30, 2015, 4 pm.**

- If you are a graduate student interested in becoming a student research mentor please consult the Graduate Program Coordinator for program specific internal deadlines.

The application for the program follows on the next page of this document.

# TRU Graduate Student Research Mentors Application

(To be Submitted by the Graduate Program Coordinator)

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ TRU ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Planned graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Research Assistant or Principal Researcher experience (indicate your role and the name of your faculty supervisor/s):

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Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Program Coordinator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

A completed application packet will include

- 1) this page printed and completed by the student
- 2) a copy of student's resume
- 3) an unofficial copy of student's transcripts
- 4) a written statement indicating research experience and interest in taking on a mentoring role
- 5) one reference letter from a faculty supervisor in a signed, sealed envelope to your Graduate Program Committee Chair. (A reference writer should write her/his letter, sign it, seal it in an envelope, write across the sealed envelope flap, and give the letter to the student to put into the application packet.)

Completed packages to be sent to relevant Graduate Program Committee Chair.

Those selected will report to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.