

TRU Sustainability Research Grant for Faculty

Call for Applications:

Applications are now invited for the *TRU Sustainability Research Grant for Faculty*. The grant is funded by the [TRU Sustainability Office](#), and was established in 2014.

The purpose of the grant is to: Encourage interdisciplinary research and expand knowledge of sustainability and sustainable development, defined in terms of sustainability's four pillars — environmental, social, economic and cultural. Preference will be given to applications incorporating interdisciplinary perspectives and/or methodologies.

The grant is a prestigious internal seed fund award that may be held only once and for one year at an annual value of \$10,000. With the approval of the grant holder's department and dean, a portion of the funds (up to \$7,500) may be used as a research time stipend. The grant holder will be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member not currently holding a major multi-year Tri-Agency external grant or contract (over \$50,000) as the principal investigator.

Applications:

The grant is awarded on a competitive basis and a 3-4 page application is needed which includes:

- Research program: Short-term and long-term goals
- Program description, including justification for the research and relationship to the interdisciplinary objectives of the award, methodology, anticipated outcomes, plan for dissemination of results, contribution to the training and education of students. *Especially important is the plan for, and feasibility of, securing future external grant support*
- Current CV
- Proposed budget

Applicants are encouraged to work with Jim Gudjonson, Director of the TRU Sustainability Office, before submitting a final research proposal (jgudjonson@tru.ca; 250-852-7253).

Adjudication:

Decisions will be based on research excellence, links to the objectives of the award, and the feasibility of securing sustainable external funding beyond the seed grant, as indicated by a clearly defined research program and a track record of innovative and peer-reviewed research and publication. Following the completion of the research objectives, applicants are expected to apply for complementary external funding.

All applications should be submitted to research@tru.ca by **February 16th, 2018**.

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 Grant Writing Workshop 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

Also, like with the regular Sust Grant Fund, do successful applicants have one year to use the money?