Xchange Community-Engaged Student Research Fellowship Program

*In alignment with TRU’s commitment to community-engaged research and partnership development, this interdisciplinary fellowship will provide students with opportunities to bridge relationships with community, enhance the quality and impact of research, and build capacity for community-engaged research by applying disciplinary methods and training to addressing and resolving community issues. Designed around a collaborative research space, the Xchange Lab, students will engage respectfully and ethically with community members in meaningful and productive research partnerships that are capable of making a positive difference in communities throughout our region.*

*“Community-engaged research (CER) is defined by a set of practices, values and objectives that emphasize active participation of the individuals and communities directly affected by research activities and joint responsibility between investigators and communities for the design, execution and outcomes of research projects”* (CERi, SFU, 2019).

**Award:** $6,000 each

**Roles & Responsibilities:**

* With the support of the Research Office, students will receive hands-on experience participating in a range of projects facilitating student involvement in community-engaged research (CER).
* Participate in community-engaged research and collaborating with students from a variety of majors and backgrounds as a team, pooling resources and collaborating with faculty and community leaders to understand and find solutions for issues of shared importance
* Animate Thompson Rivers University’s Xchange Lab through the coordination and delivery of in-person and virtual public events, performances, and exhibitions; talks and presentations; podcasts and webinars, workshops and conferences; and digital engagement in the context of Undergraduate and CER
* Advise the Xchange Lab and the Research Office on matters related to student involvement in community-engaged research
* Provide student feedback and guidance, where possible, in the development and maintenance of TRU CER research publications and knowledge mobilization
* Provide student feedback and guidance in the development and maintenance of an Open Research Network
* Fellowship duration: May through August

**Qualifications:**

* Are in good academic standing and enrolled in a TRU program
* Are recommended by a faculty mentor
* Are able to work with community partners in both f2f settings and online

Please submit completed applications to studentresearch@tru.ca

The application for the program:

# **Community Engaged Research Fellowship Application**

(To be submitted to studentresearch@tru.ca by the applicant)

Name of Student TRU ID Number

Email address Phone

Program Faculty

Completed credit hours at time of application

Planned graduation date

If applicable, please list any prior Research Assistant, Research Ambassador, USRA, UREAP, or Research Apprenticeship (or equivalent) experience (indicate your role and the name of your faculty supervisor/s):

Student Signature (digital is fine): Date:

A completed application packet will include:

1. this page completed by the student
2. a copy of student’s resume
3. an unofficial copy of student’s transcripts
4. a written statement indicating your interest in Community-Engaged Research
5. a faculty reference: the name and email address of a former or current faculty

Please submit completed applications to studentresearch@tru.ca with the subject line “Community-Engaged Research Fellow.” Notification of results will be sent via email. The selected Student Research Fellows will report to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.