2016 SFU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

Call for Proposals

SFU’s Office of Community Engagement invites proposals from SFU faculty and staff for funding support to advance SFU’s vision as Canada’s most community-engaged research university. Community is defined broadly and can include non-profit organizations, industry associations, NGOs, and local, first nations, provincial and federal government departments.

The goal of this Initiative is to encourage the development of innovative projects that build new or deeper mutually beneficial partnerships with SFU’s communities.

Proposals are requested for initiatives that advance the goals of SFU’s Community Engagement Strategy and improve and expand SFU’s capabilities to engage with its communities through student experiential learning, knowledge mobilization and research.

The Community Engagement Initiative will support the following types of activities:

1. Seed funding for new collaborative community engagement projects and programs
2. Seed funding for the development of programs or capabilities to support SFU’s reach to its communities
3. One-time costs to expand ongoing initiatives to other campuses or communities and to secure longer-term funding for activities

Amount:

- The maximum funding available is $10,000 per proposal
- Over the past three years, the average amount awarded per qualifying proposal was $6,308.
- For 2016/17, the total amount available is $100,000.
- Proposals with funding sources, both internal and external, additional to this funding are encouraged.
- Activities may proceed immediately after project approval.

Deadline for Applications:
December 16, 2016
Duration:
As the Initiative is primarily designed to seed new activities, the duration of funding will be a maximum of one year.

Criteria:
Proposals that meet the following criteria will be highly ranked:
- Demonstrate alignment with SFU’s vision as Canada’s most community-engaged research university (engaging students, engaging research, engaging communities)
- Address an area that is demonstrated to be important to the community organization or community of interest
- Address an opportunity identified in SFU’s Community Engagement Strategy
- Involve a new SFU community partner or substantively strengthen programming or collaborations with an existing community partner
- Bring together the SFU community on SFU’s campuses and connect with SFU alumni
- Expand a successful SFU community engagement initiative to another SFU campus
- Include an explicit plan that articulates how success is defined and how one will know when success is achieved

Eligible Expenses:
1. Interim staffing costs for new initiative development
2. Other costs associated with partnership development

Funding will not normally cover:
1. Costs for ongoing operations and administration of existing projects or initiatives
2. Costs incurred prior to being awarded funding
3. Indirect costs such as overhead
4. Costs for conferences and meetings that are eligible for funding from other SFU sources including the Vice President Academic Conference Fund
5. Costs for salaries, stipends, or travel for experts that are not affiliated with SFU

Submission Guidelines:
Please submit proposals in PDF format by e-mail to ce-initiative@sfu.ca by December 16, 2016.

Proposals should be a maximum of three pages and include the following information:
1. Name and department of the applicant(s)
2. Description
3. Rationale and demonstrated community need and interest
4. Relevance to SFU Community Engagement Strategy and priorities
5. Outline and schedule of activities
6. Expected outcomes and impact measures, including an explicit plan that indicates both how you define success, and how you will know when you have achieved it
7. Plan to sustain initiative beyond this funding
8. Budget, including other sources of funding