The SFU Refugee and Newcomer Advisory Committee is pleased to announce our 2018-2019 research grants!

**Background**
In 2016, in response to the Syrian refugee crisis, SFU began a coordinated and multi-pronged approach to refugee-related programming. SFU International and Student Services established the Refugee Working Group (RWG) to develop, coordinate and implement the University’s refugee-related engagement and support.

In January 2017 the refugee program expanded its mandate to include newcomers, and created a Refugee and Newcomer Advisory Committee (RNAC). This provides strategic oversight and support to engagement with the university’s refugee and newcomer populations, research on related issues, and engagement with the broader community.

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee including faculty, a graduate student, and representatives of the RNAC.

**Research Grants**
We are offering the following research grants, subject to proposal approval. Funds are for research and development to be conducted from September 2018-August 2019. The grants are open to members of the SFU community, as detailed below.

**Graduate Student Research Grant**
We are offering two grants of up to $10,000 to support graduate student dissertation or thesis research. The proposed research should focus on a topic related to refugees migration and related newcomer issues. This may include areas such as migration patterns, refugee and asylum experiences, host country policies, settlement and integration issues. Projects may focus on Canada, another country, area or region, or they may be transnational in scope.

The funds may be spent on research-related travel, including transportation, and food and lodging while away; data collection; and costs related to tools necessary for data collection and analysis.

**Application Deadline**
July 31, 2018

**Applicant Eligibility**
This grant is open to all SFU PhD and MA students in good standing; students with personal immigration experience are encouraged to apply. PhD students should have finished all coursework and requirements other than the dissertation. Both PhD and MA students should have their thesis proposal approved, or have the approval process scheduled before August 31, 2018. Funding is subject to proposal approval. If the proposal is not approved by the time the funding application is submitted, the applicant should state the expected approval date, and include a letter from the primary PhD or MA supervisor indicating the proposal's feasibility and their expectation of its approval.
Funding is subject to appropriate ethics approval. Provide the ethics review number if available. If it is not available, provide documentation about ethics approval status.

**Expectations**
By the end of September 2019, write a summary of funding spent. Present the research at a public workshop, conference or SFU event.

**Faculty Seed Grant**
We are offering two seed grants of up to $5,000 to SFU faculty. The purpose of the RNAC Seed Grant program is to provide initial ‘start-up’ funding for new or existing faculty to conduct research on a topic related to refugee migration or related newcomer issues, or to build a project applying related research to community settings. The proposed research should focus on a topic related to refugees migration and related newcomer issues. This may include areas such as migration patterns, refugee and asylum experiences, host country policies, settlement and integration issues. Research may focus on Canada, another country, area or region, or they may be transnational in scope. Applicants should indicate how seed funds will help develop the full research or community project.

The funds may be spent on student RA funding, research-related travel, proposal development, and preliminary data collection. They may not fund salary top-ups, staff salaries, computer software, equipment, or other infrastructure.

**Application Deadline**
July 31, 2018

**Applicant Eligibility**
The grant is open to all full-time faculty at SFU in good standing who are pre-tenure, tenured, or have continuing status. Funding is subject to appropriate ethics approval. Provide the ethics review number if available. If it is not available, provide documentation about ethics approval status.

**Expectations**
By the end of September 2019, write a summary of funding spent. Present the research at a public workshop, conference or SFU event.

Upon completion of the seed grant project, the research team should be able to demonstrate support for a larger funding application to external granting agencies by, for example: providing preliminary data to justify the need for further research, showing a foundation on which a larger project can be built, and producing deliverables related to a project plan.
Application Information

Application Letter
Include a letter that provides:

- The title of the proposed research. Prioritize providing descriptive information over clever wording.
- The home department(s) of the applicant at SFU.
- All PIs and any co-PIs.
- If applying for the Graduate Student Research Grant:
  - The name of the primary faculty advisor.
  - What degree is expected upon completion of the student’s program (PhD, MA, etc., and the field the degree will be in).
  - The date when the thesis was approved, or information as described above if it is not.
- Ethics review approval information, information about the status of ethics of a relevant ethics review application, or an explanation of why this is not applicable.
- Your signature

Attachments
Documents must be in the following format and cannot exceed the maximum page allowances.
- Times New Roman
- 12 point font
- Minimum margins of 1"

Proposal
Include a project proposal (maximum 3 pages). Provide a description of the project that includes clear objectives, methodologies, and anticipated outcomes/results. Please make sure you use the same title as in your application letter. For clarity, describe your research plan using the following headers:
- Objectives/Key Research Questions
- Context/Theoretical Framework
- Methodology
- Roles and Responsibilities of team members, including students if appropriate
- Proposed Forum for Dissemination of results/knowledge mobilization.

In addition, as part of the SFU’s commitment to being intentional about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, tell us how your research is related to one or more targets for the Sustainable Development Goal Number 16 (https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/peace-justice/). If appropriate, you may link your research to other Goals.

Project Feasibility, Timeline And Budget
Provide a clear, detailed outline of the feasibility of this project (maximum 2 pages). You should clearly and explicitly demonstrate how your project will be able to be completed within the time of the grant period (1 year), and what you will spend your funds on. Provide a clear project timeline, including the proposed length of time for things such as ethics, data gathering, research agreement, etc. Projects deemed unfeasible within the granting period will not be considered for funding.

Current And Pending Support
List any current and/or pending support for your project.

Supplementary Documentation
You may submit up to two pages of references, figures, technical illustrations, maps, sample survey questions, etc., as a Supplementary Document.

**CV**
Include a current CV, including research contributions for the application and any co-applicants.

**Please submit proposals to Andisheh Fard:** afard@sfu.ca

**Please direct any questions to Suzanna M. Crage at scrage@sfu.ca.**