



Research News

May 2022

Welcome to our May issue, focusing on the latest research news, events and opportunities. From Indigenous knowledge in nursing to partnering with Fulbright Canada, this month's newsletter has great updates for you!

We always appreciate hearing from you, so please feel free to [share your news with us](#). Thank you!

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Research creates pathway for Indigenous knowledge in nursing education

Researchers at six BC universities are the recipients of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research grant. Led by TRU Associate Professor Dr. Lisa Bourque Bearskin and UBC Okanagan Associate Professor Dr. Donna Kurtz, the team will conduct intergenerational learning with communities to reclaim and recover Indigenous knowledge in graduate nursing education. [Read more](#)



New master's students learn to create positive change

Dean of Arts Dr. Rick McCutcheon says TRU's new Master of Arts in Human Rights and Social Justice program is the only one of this form in Western Canada. [Read more](#)



Master of Arts in Human Rights and Social Justice

Simulation lab prepares students for

real world

School of Nursing faculty member Wendy McKenzie says TRU's new Sherman Jen Simulation Centre better prepares nursing students to enter a real clinical setting. [Read more](#)



New partnership strengthens academic ties with US

TRU President Brett Fairbairn and Vice-President Research (Interim) Will Garrett-Petts have signed a memorandum of understanding with Fulbright Canada to host a series of leading US scholars to teach and conduct research. [Read more](#)



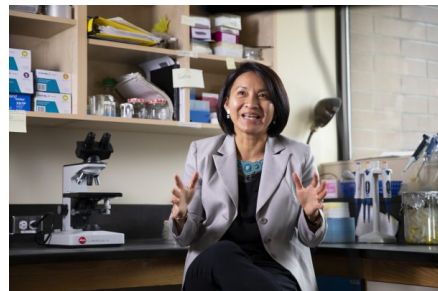
Rockcliffe and Liberty Pointe join the TRU neighbourhood

The two newest residential development projects completed on campus, Liberty Pointe and Rockcliffe, are part of TRU Community Trust's (TRUCT) The Reach Neighbourhood at TRU, created to enrich campus life and return funds to support university initiatives such as student bursaries and scholarships, and research grants. [Read more](#)



Microbiologist joins prestigious national fellowship

Biological Sciences faculty member Dr. Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham now belongs to a fellowship of Canada's best post-secondary educators. [Read more](#)



New book captures critical voices on special education

Drs. Kim Calder Stegemann (professor emerita) and Nan Stevens's (retired associate professor) new book takes a look at how the education of students with diverse abilities has evolved over time. [Read more](#)



TRU's new 2022-27 Strategic Research Plan

TRU is entering a new phase where our research is advanced not only by individual scholars and projects, but also by [strategic partnerships](#), collaborations and international networks. TRU's new 2022-27 Strategic Research Plan articulates the key challenge areas where we will strive to make significant contributions during the next five years. [Read more](#)

Research security

Open and collaborative research environments may be vulnerable to abuse through theft of data and cyber threats. As a researcher, it is important for you to take reasonable measures to safeguard your work. The following Government of Canada sites provide some guidance on how to better protect yourself:

[Safeguarding your research](#)

[Where can I learn more?](#)

[Security considerations for research and development](#)

TRU's Procurement Services

Need to make a purchase? Procurement Services has an excellent portal to assist researchers with many post-grant purchases and services, including buying laptops, purchasing research chemicals and lab animals, or booking accommodations. [Read more](#)

International travel request process

Earlier this year, the Executive, along with TRU Finance and People and Culture, made changes to the international travel request process, effective April 1. The steps you need to take if planning work-related international travel, and necessary sign offs, are [as follows](#).

Kudos

Christina Cederlof, Education and Skills Training (ESTR) Program Coordinator, Department of University and Employment Preparation, presented "A Digital Citizenship Collaboration - Inclusion in Action" at the [2022 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education \(CNIE\) Virtual Conference](#). Check out the [Digital Citizenship website](#).

Dr. Lauchlan Fraser, Professor, Department of Natural Resource Science, received the President's Distinguished Scholar Award and **Dr. Salman Kimiagari**, Associate Professor, Bob Gaglardi School of Business and Economics, received the Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship at this year's Merit and Long-Term Service celebration in the Grand Hall at TRU.

Jessica Guthier and **Julia Lowe**, School of Nursing alumnae, co-authored "[Nursing Students' Identification of Quality Indicators during a Third-Year Preceptorship](#)," an article in the peer-reviewed *International Journal of Nursing Student Scholarship*.

Dr. Robert Hanlon, Associate Professor, Politics, presented "Techno-nationalism and the geopolitics between Canada and China: Implications for product image and consumer behaviour," a peer-reviewed paper at the [Global Strategy and Emerging Markets Conference](#). The paper was co-authored by **Dr. Eric Lien**, Professor, Department of Marketing, Bob Gaglardi School of Business and Economics.

Dr. Diane Janes, Coordinator, Learning and Faculty Development, co-presented "The AMTEC History Project," and "Digital Learning Exchange: A Case Study in Transformative Communities of Practice" at the [2022 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education \(CNIE\) Virtual Conference](#).

Dr. Tehmina Khwaja, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Specialist, co-presented "Collaboratively learning Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) best practices in a virtual community of practice," a peer-reviewed paper at the [American Educational Research Association Conference](#). Khwaja also co-presented "Evidence-Based Equity, Diversity and Inclusion action planning at a small university in Canada" and presented "Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization (EDID) All Year Long: Leading to Change Conversations, Cultures and Practices," peer-reviewed papers at the [Canadian Society for the Study of Education Conference](#). Khwaja co-authored "[Accidental Leaders: Experiences and Perspectives of Higher Education Leaders in Pakistan](#)," an article published in the peer-reviewed *International Journal of Educational Leadership and Management*.

Jamie Noakes, Business Co-op Coordinator, Career and Experiential Learning Department, presented "Becoming a Champion" at the [2022 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education \(CNIE\) Virtual Conference](#).

Lauren Okano, Bachelor of Science student, **Brittany Brennan**, Student and CURN Content Manager, **Marie Bartlett**, Instructional Designer, Open Learning/Curriculum Development, **Kate Fagervik**, Learning Strategist and **Sukh Matonovich**, Director, Student Research and Public Engagement, co-presented "Open Educational Practice and a Website created by Students, for Students" at the [2022 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education \(CNIE\) Virtual Conference](#). Check out the [CURN website](#), built by TRU students.

Dr. Yahya Rashid, Assistant Professor, Bob Gaglardi School of Business and Economics, co-authored "[Renewable energy project success: Internal versus external stakeholders' satisfaction and influences of power-interest matrix](#)," an article in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Sustainable Development*.

Camille Roberge, Master of Science in Environmental Science student, [won the 2022 TRU Three-Minute Thesis Competition](#). Judges placed Roberge's presentation, "Does timber harvest reduce the nutritional quality of moose forage?" in first place, which guaranteed her a spot in the in-person Western Regional competition at the University of Winnipeg.

Dr. Carol Sparkes, Instructional Designer, Open Learning and **Carolyn Teare**, Manager, Learning Technology and Innovation, Open Learning, co-presented "Accessibility in an online communications course," at the [2022 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education \(CNIE\) Virtual Conference](#).

Jane Steiger, Co-Chair, Department of English Language Learning and Teaching, authored "[Placing Students for Success: A Comparison of IELTS, Local, and Other Placement Methods for English for Academic Purposes Courses](#)," an article in the peer-reviewed *BC Teal Journal*.

Communicating Research

[Canada's National Observer | Canada's year of reckoning over residential schools](#)

Kamloops Indian Residential School survivor Garry Gottfriedson, who provides counsel and curriculum advice to TRU on Secwépemc Nation protocols and cultural practices, says Canada has far to go in coming to terms with residential school history. Faculty of Law Associate Professor Nicole Schabus adds that the discovery of unmarked graves at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School requires international oversight. [Read more](#)

[Kamloops this Week | TRU to welcome third wildfire researcher](#)

TRU's first chair position through Fulbright Canada will address the impacts of climate change and be an Indigenous scholar in land management and fire science. [Read more](#)

[CFJC Today | TRU to offer Master of Arts in Human Rights and Social Justice](#)

Dr. Rick McCutcheon, Dean of Arts, says TRU's new Master of Arts program is unique in that it marries social justice and human rights, rather than teaching them separately. [Read more](#)

[Daybreak South with Chris Walker | Wildfire Communication](#)

How should wildfire information be communicated? Geography and environmental studies faculty member Dr. Michael Mehta speaks with CBC's Chris Walker about options. [Listen here](#)

[CBC News | Tracking wildfire smoke will be crucial for everyone as the planet warms. Here's why.](#)

Dr. Mike Flannigan, Provincial Chair at TRU, talks to CBC News about changes in Canada's wildfire frequency and the factors that are causing it. [Read more](#)

[BC Today with Michelle Eliot | Messages and action on Earth](#)

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Faculty member Dr. Michael Mehta discusses Earth Day messaging and actions with CBC's Michelle Elliott. [Listen here](#)

Experts list

Media is reaching out to TRU routinely, searching for experts to speak on a variety of issues. Please make yourself and your expertise more accessible by joining the [Experts List](#). If you would like to be a part of the list, please take a moment and [simply register online](#).

Research Funding Digest

We're pleased to share our [Research Funding Digest for May 2022](#). Please feel free to share it with your colleagues.

To receive tailored funding prospects, please subscribe to our **Funding Distribution Listservs** (Health / Science and Engineering / Social Sciences and Humanities) and the **Monthly Research Digest** by sending an email to facultyresearch@tru.ca.

Opportunities

SSHRC and NSERC Grant Writing Workshops

Interested in applying for external research funding but don't know where to begin? Need a refresher on what's new in tri-agency grant applications for 2022? The MacEwan University Office of Research Services is hosting two agency-specific workshops to provide up-to-date information on [SSHRC](#) and [NSERC](#) research grants. Register today!

SSHRC

Date: Thursday, May 26, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Online

NSERC

Dates: Tuesday, June 7, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.; Wednesday, June 8, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Online

Dr. Sherman Jen Graduate Entrance Award

Value: Eight awards at \$6,000 each

Deadline: Wednesday, June 1

These awards are given to students who show outstanding academic achievement in prior course work and research. The selection also takes into account leadership activities. To

be eligible, students must be entering their first year of full-time graduate studies in the Master of Science in Environmental Science, Master of Education or Master of Science in Data Science programs. [Learn more](#)

Environment Canada Atmospheric and Meteorological Undergraduate

Value: \$1,000

Deadline: Wednesday, June 1

This award provides a supplement to students who have been awarded a USRA to complete studies in atmospheric or meteorological sciences. [Learn more](#)

Researcher Series: Finding a Journal and Open Access for Researchers

This researcher series online event provides tips and tricks on publishing your research articles in journals and Open Access spaces. [Read more](#)

Date: Thursday, June 2, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Online

Mitacs Training: June 2022

Sign up for Mitacs next facilitated session to gain the soft skills needed to make your project a success. Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows are invited to register by creating an account or logging in to Mitacs' learning management system [EDGE](#). For any questions, contact training@mitacs.ca.

Date: Friday, June 10, 2 – 4 p.m.

Session: Project and time management

Course bundle: Project and time management

Self-paced e-learning: Spur your project and time management skills

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) 2022 Webinars for Trainees in Health Research

These sessions will answer questions on Health Research award requirements and provide guidance on the application process. [Learn more](#)

Date, Time and Duration:

Tuesday, June 14, 10 a.m.- 11 a.m. - [Join](#)

Thursday, June 16, 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. - [Join](#)

Researcher Series: Citation Metrics

What's an h-index? How do I find out who is citing my work? Am I making an impact in my field? Join this session to find out. [Click to register](#)

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Brown Family House of Learning, Room HL 269

Researcher Series: Starting a Journal with Open Journal Systems at TRU

Join this session to get started thinking about your journal idea in more detail and to see "Open Journal Systems" (OJS) in action. [Read more](#)

Date: Thursday, June 23, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Brown Family House of Learning, HL 269

Ken Lepin Graduate Student Award

Value: Eight awards at \$6,600 each

Deadline: Monday, August 15

These awards are given based on outstanding academic achievement in prior course work and research. The selection also takes into account leadership activities and active involvement in the university community. At least one award is given to a student in the Master of Nursing program. [Learn more](#)