TRU Sustainability Research Grant for Faculty (2022-2023)

Call for Applications:

Applications are 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.

For 2022-2023, two grants are available for tenured or tenure-track faculty members. The grant is a prestigious internal seed fund award that may be held only once and for 12 months at a value of $5,000 per award.

Applications:

The grant is awarded on a competitive basis, and a 4-page application—maximum—must include:

- Research project: Short-term and long-term goals (max one page)
- Project 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, and the plan for securing future external grant support (max two pages)
- Proposed budget and budget justification (max one page)

The application must be supported by:

- Current CV (max 6 pages)

Applicants are encouraged to work with Warren Asuchak and James Gordon from the TRU Sustainability Office, before submitting a final research proposal (wasuchak@tru.ca; jgordon@tru.ca). This is a voluntary discussion to help members of the Sustainability Office learn what applicants are proposing and identify opportunities for alignment with existing campus sustainability initiatives.

Adjudication:

Decisions will be based on research excellence, alignment to the objectives of the award, quality of student training, and the feasibility of securing sustainable external funding, as indicated by a clearly defined research project. Following the completion of the Award, applicants are expected to apply for complementary external funding within one year.

All applications should be submitted to jgordon@tru.ca by **March 31, 2023.**

<u>Terms of the Award</u>

Two installments:

1st installment issued at time of approval $4,500

2nd installment issued upon submission of final report $500

Final Report: A final report or paper should be submitted within two months of the completion of the grant and will be shared in TRUSpace: TRU's open access digital archive. This allows for a permanent, public repository of sustainability research conducted at TRU.

Other Dates and Deadlines:

Applicants are welcome to submit a Pre-Proposal of their project (500 word summary) until February 24, 2023, in order to receive feedback. This submission is not required and is only suggested if the applicant wants to receive feedback on their project. Pre-Proposals can be emailed, with the subject line *TRU Sustainability Research Grant for Faculty,* to: jgordon@tru.ca AND sustain@tru.ca with the subject line: 'Seeking feedback on Sustainability Research Grant for Faculty'.

The Sustainability Office aims to provide results within 3 weeks of the deadline. Questions about the research grant can be directed to James Gordon in the TRU Sustainability Office: jgordon@tru.ca