



January 2022

## A new year

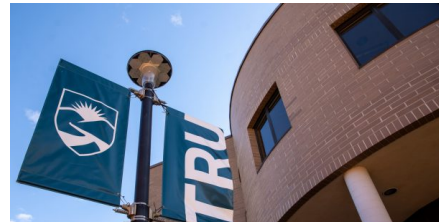
Welcome to our January issue, focusing on the latest research news, events and opportunities. From Canada Research Chair renewals to federal research grant recipients, our first newsletter of 2022 has great updates for you!

We always appreciate hearing from you, so please feel free to [share your news with us](#). You can even let us know what you think of this issue. Thank you!

## Research News

### TRU researchers renewed as Canada Research Chairs

The renewal of two Tier 2 Canada Research Chairs—Drs. Heather Price and Yana Nec—at TRU further strengthens and acknowledges the university's growing research capacity. [Read more on the Newsroom](#) / [Read Kamloops This Week](#)



### Researchers awarded Insight Development Grants

Drs. Joceline Andersen, Bonnie Fournier and Heather Price have been awarded federal research grants totaling more than \$170,000. [Read more](#)



### Engaging TRU researchers in data management

Research and Graduate Studies and the Library are working together to help improve project efficiencies and mitigate risks through the Research Data Management project. [Read more](#)



## Program makes research more accessible to students

Now in its third year, the Research Coach program is designed to engage undergraduate students in research experience early and often. [Read more](#)



## Research in Germany information session

Friday, Jan. 21, 12 – 1 p.m. on MS Teams

Join John Paul Kleiner for an online information session about research opportunities in Germany. [Learn more](#)

## Research for Climate Solutions: Online networking mixer

Friday, Jan. 21, 12 – 2 p.m. on Zoom

TRU and the City of Kamloops are collaborating to promote research on local solutions to the impacts of the climate crisis. Registration is still open! [Learn more](#)

## TCPS 2: CORE-2022

This revised Course on Research Ethics (CORE) is based on the [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans – TCPS 2 \(2018\)](#) and replaces the previous version of CORE as the official online course of the Panel on Research Ethics. [Find out more](#)

## Welcome to Michael Smith Health Research BC

The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and the British Columbia Academic Health Science Network have joined forces to create a dynamic and integrated health research organization, [Michael Smith Health Research BC](#), to support the growth and evolution of BC's vibrant health research system and life sciences sector.

## Seizing the Moment project

The [Seizing the Moment project](#) brings together community-based organizations and post-secondary institutions across Canada, including TRU, for a series of conversations about pandemic challenges and strategies in communities.

Watch "[Building a Post-pandemic Network: Working Together to Transform Communities](#)," part of a webinar series for the Seizing the Moment project.

## Equity, diversity & inclusion (EDI) in research

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies hosted Gwen Hill, manager of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Research at Royal Roads University. Hill presented on "Building EDI in Research and Embedding EDI in Research Proposals," including foundations of why it's important to include aspects of EDI in your research, from the development phase through to dissemination. [View the recording](#).

## Kudos

**Dr. Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham**, Professor, Microbiology, co-authored "[Taxonomic and Metabolite Diversities of Moss-Associated Actinobacteria from Thailand](#)," an article published in the peer-reviewed open access journal, *Metabolites*.

**Dr. Mike Flannigan**, BC Research Chair in Predictive Services, Emergency Management and Fire Science, co-authored "[Global increase in wildfire risk due to climate-driven declines in fuel moisture](#)," an article published in the peer-reviewed scientific journal, *Global Change Biology*. Dr. Flannigan was also part of an expert panel that released a Council of Canadian Academies report, "[Building a Resilient Canada](#)".

**Kristen Gardner**, BFA student, designed the front cover and inside back cover of *Ruminations*, a 2022 calendar featuring the work of this year's graduating BFA students. Funds raised through the sale of these calendars (\$20.00) will go towards fundraising efforts for the students' graduating exhibition, planned to open April 22. To purchase a calendar, please email [Don Lawrence](#).

**Dr. Bala Nikku**, Assistant Professor, Education and Social Work, co-authored "[Making the Case for Indigenous Resilience](#)," a chapter from the recently published book, *Earthquakes of Nepal*.

**Victoria Russell**, fourth-year BFA student, has a project in [ArtMart](#) at the Kamloops Art Gallery, in collaboration with Alternator Centre for Contemporary Art. *ArtMart* will be showcasing its aesthetic treasures through to April 17.

**Christine Savage**, Visual Arts BFA alumna, and **Clement Yeh**, Sessional Instructor (Visual Arts, CMNS, ARET) are exhibiting projects with Kamloops-based artist Nathan Skyers in [Marks in Progress](#), at the Kamloops Art Gallery. The exhibition will continue through to April 2.

**Dr. Jennifer Shaw**, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Political Studies, authored "[Beyond family: Separation and reunification for young people negotiating transnational relationships](#)," an article published in the peer-reviewed, internationally focused, research journal, *Global Studies of Childhood*.

## Communicating Research

### Experts list

Media is reaching out to TRU routinely, searching for experts to speak on a variety of issues. Please make yourself easy to find 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

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies is pleased to share our [Research Funding Digest for January 2022](#). Please feel free to share it with your colleagues.

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](mailto:facultyresearch@tru.ca)

## Opportunities

### Storytellers is back!

**Deadline:** Monday, January 24, 2022

**Value:** \$3,000

On Nov. 9, SSHRC launched its ninth annual **Storytellers challenge**. The challenge is open to all students, graduate and undergraduate, enrolled at a Canadian post-secondary institution. Their task is to tell the story, in up to three minutes or 300 words, of a SSHRC-funded research project—their own or a professor's. For more details on this year's challenge, please visit the [SSHRC Storytellers website](#).

### NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award Program (USRA)

**Deadline:** Saturday, January 29, 2022

**Value:** \$7,500

Want to get paid over the summer to conduct research? Do just that with an NSERC USRA. This award provides undergraduate students in the natural sciences and engineering with the opportunity to engage in research over a 16-week period (May to August). Talk to a faculty member today to get started on your application!

## Internal Research Awards

## President's Annual Merit Awards

### **Awards for Excellence in Research and Scholarship**

**Deadline:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022

**Value:** \$2,500 research grant

This award recognizes excellence in research, scholarly activity or the production of creative works over a sustained period of time that represents a significant contribution to the field of inquiry. Complete nomination packages should be submitted electronically to [research@tru.ca](mailto:research@tru.ca).

### **Distinguished Scholar Award**

**Deadline:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022

**Value:** \$3,000 research grant

This award recognizes the highest achievement in scholarship, achieved over a career. Complete nomination packages should be submitted electronically to [research@tru.ca](mailto:research@tru.ca).

## Mentorship Awards

### **Undergraduate Research Mentor Award**

**Deadline:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022

**Value:** \$1,000 research grant

This award recognizes demonstrated excellence in mentoring undergraduate researchers over a sustained period of time. Complete nomination packages should be submitted electronically to [research@tru.ca](mailto:research@tru.ca).

### **Graduate Research Mentor Award**

**Deadline:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022

**Value:** \$1,000 research grant

This award recognizes demonstrated excellence in mentoring graduate student researchers over a sustained period of time. Complete nomination packages to be submitted electronically (PDF or Word format) to [research@tru.ca](mailto:research@tru.ca).

## Undergraduate Research Experience Award Program (UREAP)

**Deadline:** Monday, February 28, 2022

**Value:** \$6,000

The UREAP scholarship can help you get started in your own original research. Projects funded by UREAP may also be eligible for an additional operating grant of up to \$1,000 to cover expenses. For application support, please email [studentresearch@tru.ca](mailto:studentresearch@tru.ca).

## Sustainability Research Grant for Faculty

**Deadline:** Thursday, March 31, 2022

**Value:** Four awards of \$5,000 each

Funded by the TRU Sustainability Office, 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. All applications should be submitted to [jgordon@tru.ca](mailto:jgordon@tru.ca).

## Sustainability Research Grant for Students

**Deadline:** Thursday, March 31, 2022

**Value:** Two awards of \$5,000 each

The purpose of this award is to encourage interdisciplinary research and expand knowledge of sustainability and sustainable development and practices, defined in terms of TRU's four pillars of sustainability: environmental, social, economic and cultural. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss their research project with [James Gordon](#) from the TRU Sustainability Office before submitting.