

REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA PARTNERING FUND GRANT GUIDELINES

The intent of the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Partnering Fund, generated by an endowment to UNBC by the Real Estate Foundation of BC, is to assist faculty and students in obtaining and leveraging funding for research and educational programs that speak to the goals of the Foundation Partnering Fund as outlined below.

MISSION

UNBC and the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia share a mutual interest in advancing practices for the use and conservation of land that enhance the social, economic and environmental well-being of northern communities.

ELIGIBILITY

- Faculty members in tenured, tenure track or with regular term appointments as designated in article 14.20 of the Faculty Association Agreement, Librarians in continuing appointments and Senior Lab Instructors are eligible to apply.
- Graduate or undergraduate students with the express support of their supervisor. Because of the partnering requirement, a strong student application is one in which the supervisor is actively involved in developing the relationship with the non-UNBC partner and shows ongoing support of the research project.

GOALS

The Foundation Partnering Fund supports research and educational programs which meet some or all of its objectives as expressed below:

- Improve land use, resource, and environmental management decision- making and problem solving at the local and regional level.
- Promote collaborative, inter-disciplinary research in partnerships with public agencies, the private sector, local communities and First Nations to address the opportunities and challenges in northern communities.
- Assist communities to undertake long-term planning and land development to achieve economic and ecological efficiencies.
- Assist northern communities to access information and expertise related to land planning and development, environment and resource management.
- Work with regional networks of private sector, local government, and non-governmental organizations to identify emerging issues, concerns and educational needs that can be addressed by the resources of UNBC.
- Assist northern communities to respond positively and efficiently in adapting to rapid social, economic and environmental change and growth.

Initiatives supported by the Foundation Partnering Fund should involve collaboration among university entities and public, non-profit and professional organizations with a view to enabling the community to access the University as a resource and the University to pursue research that will assist communities in meeting the goals outlined above.

FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR

- Educational programs, short courses, workshops, credit and non-credit courses to students, the community and others that will serve practitioners and the public;
- Research relevant to applied settings;
- Technical assistance and expertise, including:
 - a) policy analysis,
 - b) community/regional planning,
 - c) community resource management,
 - d) resolution of conflicts about use and conservation of land, and
 - e) sustainable development initiatives.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Foundation Partnering Fund is generated by an endowment and thus the annual amount (approx. \$40,000/year) varies according to market fluctuations. Due to this variability, the committee has tended to fund single year projects although it will consider multiple year projects.

DEADLINES & REPORTING

One annual competition is held. The deadline for submissions is April 15. Award announcements will normally be communicated in the beginning of May.

Grant applications MUST be submitted electronically via Romeo at: <https://unbc.researchservicesoffice.com>. Please complete the application form online and attach any supporting documentation (if required).

A final summary report is due in the Office of Research 2 months after the project is completed. This short report (2 pages maximum) will outline the results of the research project. Failure to provide the report may result in denial of future funding. For the benefit of other interested parties, the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia may wish to include information about funded projects in its online database of community resources.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The committee observes the principles of conflict of interest in Article 5.0 of the Faculty Association Agreement.