

# **Aspiration Research Cluster Program 2023**

# **Full Application**

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| **Title:** |  |
| **PI:** |  |
| **Team members** (add more rows to this table as necessary): |
| **Name** | **Affiliation** **(Department, Faculty, Research centre)** | **Role (Co-PI, Collaborator)** |
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| **Cluster Overview** *Provide a lay summary of the proposed objectives and outcomes of the research cluster (****maximum 250 words****)* |
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| **Cluster Description** (**maximum 1 page**) *(delete instructions below as needed)* |
| * What is the challenge this cluster is addressing?
* How does this interdisciplinary research cluster respond to and address key challenges/problems?
* Why is a Cluster needed?
* What are the objectives of the Cluster and the activities proposed to fulfill these objectives?
* Describe how you plan to grow the research productivity and institutional impact of the cluster on a sustainable basis, including your plans to secure continuing external funding and to disseminate and increase the uptake of the research.
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| **Cluster Outcomes & Impact (maximum 1 page)** (delete instructions below as needed) |
| * What are the planned outcomes and outputs of the Cluster, short and long-term?
* How will the Cluster activities be translated or transformed into research impact and raise the profile of the work at UVic as well as potential impact nationally and globally?
* Explain the activities and impact this funding will have that would not be possible otherwise. How will establishing a cluster with the proposed funding allow the work to expand to a new level?
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| **Team** **(maximum 4 pages)** |
| * List each research team member and describe their proposed role in the cluster, what they will contribute to the cluster’s development, and how they complement/add value to the team.
* Discuss how the members constitute an interdisciplinary team that will successfully achieve the cluster goal(s) with the requested supports.
* Describe any track record of collaboration, including significant funding the team has received to date.
* Describe existing external partners, and their contribution to the cluster.
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| **Budget** **(maximum 2 pages)*** Include an itemized yearly budget for the total funding request (any amount up to $100K total over 1-2 years) and a justification for each expense. Indicate how each expense relates or contributes to specific cluster outcomes/goals. Please add rows to the tables below as necessary.
* Examples of categories to include: salaries (for a cluster coordinator, event coordinator etc.), events and meetings (workshops, cluster meetings etc.), travel (travel for guest speakers etc.), grant-writing and editing, honoraria, EDI expenses (EDI training, compensation for EDI guest speakers, childcare costs for cluster members etc.), course releases[[1]](#footnote-1)
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| **Year 1** |
| **Budget category** | **Cost**  | **Justification** |
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| **Year 2** |
| **Budget category** | **Cost**  | **Justification** |
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| **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan** **(maximum 1 page)** |
| * Discuss how the cluster will meaningfully engage and be inclusive of underrepresented groups[[2]](#footnote-2) and early-career researchers. It is recommended that team members review [UVic’s Equity Action Plan](https://www.uvic.ca/equity-action-plan/index.php) and [Indigenous Plan](https://www.uvic.ca/ovpi/_assets/docs/uvic-indigenous-plan-2023.pdf), as well as [NSERC’s EDI resources](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/EDI_guidance-Conseils_EDI_eng.asp) and [NFRF’s EDI resources](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/nfrf-fnfr/edi-eng.aspx) to develop an EDI plan for their cluster.
* How are EDI principles applied to the project design, methods, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of project findings?
* What actions will be implemented to build and maintain safe and inclusive work environments for all individuals within your team, including those who are racialized, African, Caribbean, and Black; Indigenous Peoples; persons with disabilities; women and individuals who are from the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities?
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| **References** (maximum 1 page) |
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1. Maximum 2 course releases per cluster, per year, for a total of four releases in a 2-year funding period, and should only be included where time will be used for administrative activities. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See Program Terms for definition of underrepresented groups. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)