



The University Diversity and Equity Committee Sponsorship Fund

2025/26 Funded Projects

Funding Date	Project Title	Event Date(s)	Description	Amount Funded
Sept 2025	KPU Creative Writing Reading Series 2025-26	Fall 2026	Cathy Stonehouse and Nicola Harwood, Creative Writing, hosted a series of public readings and student mentorships that brought professional writers and the KPU community together. Through readings, discussions, and mentorship opportunities, the series connected students with working authors from diverse backgrounds, providing insight into the craft and practice of writing while fostering meaningful engagement with a range of perspectives, experiences, and literary voices.	\$1,400
Oct 2025	Inside-Out Prison Exchange	Oct 2025	Nicola Harwood, Creative Writing, and the Mycelium Network hosted a three-day retreat bringing together 14 prison artist-educators from across BC. The gathering strengthened collaboration, identified shared priorities and challenges, and supported the development of ongoing training, resource-sharing, and sustainable support for arts practitioners working in carceral settings.	\$1,000
Nov 2025	Social Justice Design Charrette	Feb-April 2026	Fabricio Telo and Fiona Whittington-Walsh, Sociology, hosted a student-led social justice project focused on British Columbia's toxic drug crisis. Through film discussions, community-engaged workshops, accessible and participatory learning activities, and a public theatre performance developed in partnership with health and advocacy organizations, students collaborated with community experts and people with lived experience to examine the systemic factors contributing to the crisis.	\$1,000

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Nov 2025	International Student Experiences at KPU	Mar 2026	Pedro dos Santos and the Arts Committee for Faculty and International Student Success hosted a panel on racism in higher education as part of KPU's Fourth Annual Anti-Racism Symposium. Featuring researchers and racialized international students, the panel explored experiences of racism in post-secondary education, shared insights from research and lived experience, and fostered dialogue on the role of higher education institutions in advancing anti-racism and supporting student success.	\$1,500
			Total distributed	\$4,900