



University Diversity and Equity Committee

UDEEC Sponsorship Fund - GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

The University Diversity and Equity Committee Sponsorship Fund is provided through the Office of Equity and Inclusive Communities (OEIC), and it supports events and initiatives that further the goals of equity, diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, accessibility, decolonization, and intersectional social justice at KPU.

2026-27 DEADLINES

- ✓ **1st* of each month in which UDEC meets** (September to June)
*When the 1st falls on a weekend, applications are due the following Monday.
- ✓ Applications may be submitted for events/ initiatives occurring at any time during the current Fiscal Year (April 1st to March 31st).
- ✓ Funding may not be spread over two fiscal years; it must be spent and expensed within the fiscal year in which the funds are transferred to your SPF. The award confirmation letter sent to successful applicants will note the relevant fiscal year-end date.
- ✓ Funds not executed or committed before March 31st cannot be executed/paid after that date.
- ✓ Funding for events/ initiatives taking place in a fiscal year subsequent to that in which the application is submitted is subject to the continued approval of the UDEC Event/Sponsorship Fund budget. It will be necessary to present a justification that explains why the resources should be considered for transfer to the following fiscal year.
- ✓ Applications must be submitted before the proposed initiative starts; retroactive awards are not considered.

APPLICATION AND AWARD DETAILS

All members of the KPU community (students, employees, affiliated groups) are encouraged to apply.

The **maximum amount of each award is \$2,000**. Actual award amounts will vary based on available funds; funding of full asks is not guaranteed.

Applications must be submitted using the **UDEEC Sponsorship Application Form**, which can be downloaded at <http://www.kpu.ca/udec/event-fund>.

Applications must be **signed by an approved signer** and include an **SPF account number** before being considered by UDEC. Please allow enough time to obtain this signature and number before the application deadline. A list of approved signers is included on the Application Form; their offices can provide the **relevant SPF account number** and **contact person** for processing the transfer.



The **Title** and **Brief Description** of your event/project may be used in public records or promotional information about the UDEC Sponsorship Fund, so please make these especially clear and succinct.

When submitting **Budget Information**, please be as detailed as you can be at the time of application. While we realize budgets are projections, successful applications must include a clear sense of how funds will be used, and what other funding sources have been obtained and/or are being sought.

Applications without a reasonably complete budget will not be considered.

Please send completed applications to udec@kpu.ca, with the subject line "UDEC Sponsorship Fund Application."

EVALUATION CRITERIA

In considering applications, the Committee typically factors in the following:

- ✓ Potential to further the goals of equity, diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, decolonization, accessibility, and intersectional social justice at KPU, as outlined in relevant policies; in the institutionally adopted commitment such as Vision 2026 ([Vision 2026, or relevant policies](#)), and/or in existing or forthcoming reports and plans such as the Task Force on Anti-racism Report, the EDI Action Plan, the Accessibility Plan, and xé?elł - Pathways to Systemic Transformation ([Resources | Kwantlen Polytechnic University](#)).
- ✓ Plan for measuring or demonstrating the impact of the event/ initiative.
- ✓ Potential scope of the event/ initiative.
- ✓ Potential to establish alliances, both within KPU and with community organizations.
- ✓ If it is an ongoing initiative, potential for the event to become financially sustainable on an ongoing basis (through other funding sources).
- ✓ Other considerations include the following:
 - Has the applicant/area received PDEC/UDEC funds in the past, and submitted a final report?
 - Are funds available from other sources at KPU that are better aligned with the event or initiative?
 - Will the event be accessible? Please see <https://www.kpu.ca/access/event-planning> for recommendations regarding accessibility.



FURTHER CONDITIONS

1. In order to encourage wide use of the fund, no awardee may receive more than one UDEC award in the same Fiscal period.
2. The UDEC fund is not intended to fund any single event/initiative on an ongoing or annual basis. Projects previously sponsored by PDEC/UDEC will typically not be considered for further funding (exceptions may apply).
3. Faculty expenses that may be supported through [research](#), [professional development](#), or [teaching and learning innovation](#) funds, or through [OER grants](#) (including conference, workshop, coursework, or publication costs) are not typically eligible for sponsorship.
4. Student research projects should first exhaust funds available to students through the [Office of Research Services](#).
5. The UDEC fund is not intended to compensate for time spent on research or scholarship.
6. Initiatives involving research should include a plan or event for knowledge translation/ dissemination to the KPU community.

NOTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE DECISION

The committee will review the sponsorship applications at the next UDEC meeting following each application deadline. Applicants will be notified by email shortly after each meeting. Please keep this date in mind and refrain from scheduling any activities until you receive a response regarding your application.

USE OF FUNDS

Following notification of your award, funds will be transferred to the SPF Account designated in your application. Receipts must be provided to the administrator of that account (i.e. the office of your approved signer, **not** the OEIC) to obtain reimbursement for your expenses if the case.

All awarded funds must be spent by the end of the fiscal year (March 31). Any unspent funds will not be eligible to be carried over and must be returned to the OEIC's accounts.

Any changes to the use of funds from those stated in approved applications must be authorized by UDEC prior to expenditure. Please send any requests for modification to your approved budget to udec@kpu.ca and include a brief rationale for the changes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT/USE OF UDEC LOGO

Promotional materials and communications about your event/initiative should clearly indicate that sponsorship was provided by the University Diversity and Equity Committee (UDEEC) and include, if possible, the UDEC logo (The logo will be provided if the request is approved).



FINAL REPORT

The **UDEEC Sponsorship Fund – Final Report of Execution of Funds Form** must be submitted to udec@kpu.ca within one month of the conclusion of the event/initiative. It may be shared with UDEC and/or posted on the UDEC website. If possible, a photographic or visual report of the execution of the event/initiative should be attached.

Thank you for your interest in the UDEC Sponsorship Fund. Please feel free to contact udec@kpu.ca with any additional questions.

We look forward to receiving your application!

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