

Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Application for Funding, 2012/2013

Project Title: Building the Graduate Research Commons

Project Summary (150 words maximum)

One of UBC Library's key strategic goals is to develop user-centered spaces and services to enhance student learning, including the establishment of a Research Commons. In an effort to move forward as the physical space evolves, the Library plans to collaborate with campus partners to launch a suite of new services to assess their viability, scalability, and sustainability. They will be coordinated by Library staff and delivered through a Research Commons Graduate Student Team.

Establishment of the Research Commons will further UBC's Place and Promise plan, which outlines the need to both expand educational enrichment opportunities and build research spaces for collaboration and interdisciplinary work. It will also strengthen graduate student programs provided by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology. Furthermore, it will build on the success of other student-centred spaces on campus that aim to enhance the educational experience.