



# World Leisure Centre of Excellence at Vancouver Island University

## Visiting Scholars Program CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

We are seeking applications for our “Visiting Scholars Program”. Visiting Scholars are an integral component of two initiatives at Vancouver Island University (VIU): the MA Degree in Sustainable Leisure Management, and the World Leisure Centre of Excellence. Accordingly, the Visiting Scholar Program is designed to bring local and international leaders to VIU to engage with students, faculty, and the Vancouver Island region. The purpose of this engagement is to enrich the student experience, to share research and professional experiences, and to explore possibilities for future collaborations (such as research projects, student and faculty exchanges, study tours, etc).

VIU is dedicated to teaching, research, community engagement, and international collaboration. The faculty in the Department of Recreation and Tourism is one of the largest leisure related programs in Canada, and includes funded Research Chairs. The Department is active in research, international activity, and community projects.

We are seeking applications from scholars with research and teaching expertise in leisure, sustainability, innovation, behavior change, community development, knowledge mobilization, strategic planning, and related areas. Scholars may be either (or both) practitioners or academics who are actively engaged in the study or application of sustainable practices in leisure management. Vancouver Island University will refund up to \$4000 CAD for travel and living expenses for each of the four visiting scholars selected per year.

The MA program in Sustainable Leisure Management (MA SLM) at VIU prepares emerging leaders to create innovative approaches for providing recreation and tourism opportunities in ways that respect and enhance communities, natural settings, and local economies (please visit our website for current description of the MA SLM and related programs: at [www.viu.ca/slm](http://www.viu.ca/slm) or <https://management.viu.ca/sustainable-leisure-management/blog>).

The MA SLM program is housed within the VIU Department of Recreation and Tourism, which is recognized as a “Centre of Excellence” by the World Leisure Organization. The academic schedule for the MA SLM program commences each year in September, with courses organized mainly in four week modules as indicated below for 2019-20.

**Visiting scholars must be present on campus for a minimum 2 week period during one of the classes and they will participate in the delivery of one course by co-teaching with a VIU faculty member. They are also required to give a public lecture as part of the World VIU speaking series. Finally, we want scholars to engage with faculty and students or community groups while they are visiting.**

Please indicate on the application form which of these courses (and dates) are most appropriate. Course descriptions can be found at: <http://www.viu.ca/slm/ProgramDescription.asp>

Dates for 2019-20	Courses
September 9 – October 4	SLM 601: Leisure and Sustainability: Principles and Paradigms
October 15 - November 8	SLM 602: Case Studies in Sustainability and Innovation
November 18 – December 13	SLM 604: Influencing Change Towards Sustainability
January 6 – January 31	SLM 603: Knowledge Creation and Mobilization I
February 10 – March 6	SLM 605: Knowledge Creation and Mobilization II

# Visiting Scholar Application Form



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Scholars who are interested in joining the program for the 2019-20 academic year are encouraged to submit this completed application and a current CV or Resume to [Joanne.Schroeder@viu.ca](mailto:Joanne.Schroeder@viu.ca) by **January 31st, 2019**. We will make our selections and notify applicants as soon as able and no later than February 15th, 2019.

For more information, contact Joanne Schroeder [Joanne.Schroeder@viu.ca](mailto:Joanne.Schroeder@viu.ca) or Program Administrative Assistant, Kelly April [Kelly.April@viu.ca](mailto:Kelly.April@viu.ca).

Name:	Current Position:
Email:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	Additional Information : (e.g. website, blog, etc.)
Are you a member of the World Leisure Organization?      Yes   No	

Please indicate the time period (s) that you would like to be at VIU (check all that apply PLEASE NOTE THAT <u>ALL VISITING SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON CAMPUS FOR A MINIMUM 2 WEEK PERIOD</u> ).				
<input type="checkbox"/> September 9 – October 4	<input type="checkbox"/> October 15- November 8	<input type="checkbox"/> November 18 –December 13	<input type="checkbox"/> January 6 – January 31	<input type="checkbox"/> February 10 – March 6
<b>Describe contributions you would like make to the MA SLM Course(s)</b>				
<b>Visiting Scholars are all required to provide a public presentation while on campus. Please provide a 300-word abstract on the potential topic(s) for your public lecture related to sustainability and innovation in leisure.</b>				

**As a visiting scholar, we will arrange a variety of opportunities for you to engage with undergraduate students, faculty, community groups, and local leisure provider where able. Please indicate below if you have any specific faculty members or community agencies/groups that you would like to connect with.**

**Describe the ways you envision that you would sustain an on-going relationship with the VIU Department of Recreation and Tourism? (E.g. research, SKYPE a lecture, etc.).**

**Please provide a 150 word (max) bio that will be used to promote your involvement with the VIU Visiting Scholars program. Scholars accepted into the program will be required to provide a high-resolution photograph for promotional purposes.**