



## 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 Master of Arts 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 international and \$2500 for North American applicants to assist with the costs of travel and living expenses for each of the selected visiting scholars selected per year.

The Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management program (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. The MA SLM program is delivered within the Department of Recreation and Tourism and helps to fulfill the objectives of VIU’s World Leisure Centre of Excellence, a designated Research Centre, recognized by the World Leisure Organization.

Please visit our website for a current description of the MA SLM and related programs: at [www.viu.ca/slm](http://www.viu.ca/slm). 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 2020-21. **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, at minimum, one 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. We invite visiting scholar applicants to also suggest ways they would like to contribute to the SLM program, VIUs WLCE, and the VIU community at large.** Please indicate on the application form which of the SLM courses (with their dates) are most appropriate for your application. Course descriptions can be found at: <http://www.viu.ca/slm/ProgramDescription.asp>

Dates for 2020-21	Courses
September 14 – October 9	SLM 601: Leisure and Sustainability: Principles and Paradigms
October 19 - November 13	SLM 602: Case Studies in Sustainability and Innovation
November 23 – December 18	SLM 604: Influencing Change Towards Sustainability
January 11 – February 5	SLM 603: Knowledge Creation and Mobilization I
February 15 – March 12	SLM 605: Knowledge Creation and Mobilization II

# Visiting Scholar Application Form



Recreation and  
Tourism Management

Scholars who are interested in joining the program for the 2020-21 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 15th, 2020**. We will make our selections and notify applicants as soon as able and no later than March 1st, 2020. NOTE: As part of the selection process, you may also be invited to participate in a video conference conversation.

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

Name:	Position:
Email:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	Additional Information : (e.g, website, blog, etc.)
Are you a member of the World Leisure Organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Please indicate the time period (s) that you would like to be at VIU (check all that apply PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL VISITING SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON CAMPUS FOR A MINIMUM 2 WEEK PERIOD).

September 14  
–October 9

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March 12

**Describe contributions you would like make to the MA SLM Course(s) (see course themes in the course descriptions and describe how your contribution will support the course themes and help meet the course objectives.**

**Visiting Scholars are required to provide a public presentation as part of their responsibilities with the VS program. Please provide a 300-word abstract on the potential topic(s) for your public lecture; please ensure you highlight how your talk is related to sustainability and innovation in leisure.**

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

**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 we can use 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.**