



TLEF Small Projects – Final Report

Project Title:

Growing and Sustaining the Graduate Research Commons

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Summary of Work Accomplished April 2014 – August 2015

- Hired and trained new Research Commons [RC] graduate student team members, which included a new Student Coordinator, 3 new members, and 5 returning members from last year.
- Designed and developed lesson plans, instructional resources, promotional information, and web content for the new service for qualitative data analysis software support (NVivo).
- Designed and developed lesson plans, instructional resources, promotional information, and web content for a new service, R statistical support software service.
- Offered 176 workshops to 1361 participants in the areas of Thesis Formatting, Citation Management, Quantitative Data Analysis Software (SPSS & R), and Qualitative Data Analysis Software (NVivo).
- Set up Year 3 RC project management site in ActiveCollab to manage team communication, file sharing, discussion, etc.
- Facilitated 4 interdisciplinary FIREtalks which featured 20 graduate student presenters and 54 attendees on the themes of: A World of Methodologies; The Digital Universe; Interdisciplinarity across the Globe, and Sustainable Planet.
- In collaboration with CiTR Radio, developed interdisciplinary podcast series called FIREcasts, based on presentations in the FIREtalks series.
- Partnered with the Department of Theatre and Film to run the Cinema Salon series of monthly film screenings of films in UBC Library's Videomatica Collection.
- In partnership with CTLT, developed the Citation Tools checklist to help users determine which citation management tool best meets their needs.
- Partnered with SFU Library Research Commons to plan, develop and hold an NVivo Symposium - a day-long event designed to bring NVivo-using researchers from SFU and UBC into contact with one another. Brought in qualitative research methods and NVivo specialist, Pat Bazeley, from Australia to do the keynote and Master Class in NVivo.
- Began work with Open Badges UBC to badge the FIREtalks; we will begin badging in the Fall 2015 FIREtalks season. Badges will be awarded for: being an audience member, giving five-minute talk on one's research; organizing a learning activity; recording a FIREcast.

Evaluation of Project Outcomes

Feedback Snapshot: *How will the information covered in this session impact your experience at UBC?*

This session has helped me to set up and analyze research questions for an externally-funded research project, and will likely help in the publication prospects for the research project.
- Law, PhD student



The information learnt will help in a great deal to reduce the time and effort I will spend on my thesis and help me graduate as planned.

-Pediatrics, PhD student

It will make formatting my thesis so much easier. I will actually be able to focus more on my original thoughts and research than on how to format the thesis.

- Music, Masters student

Research Commons Usage Statistics – Workshops

	# of Sessions	# of Participants
Thesis Formatting	49	370
Citation Management	39	203
Quantitative Data - SPSS and R	59	430
Qualitative Data - NVivo	23	240
FIRETalks	3	54
Other	3	64
	176	1361

In addition to the above workshops, the RC team answered over 550 questions related to RC services via email and in person one-to-one consultations.

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