

We are inviting students to work alongside faculty, staff, and Elders to discuss, question, and contribute to the dialogue around *Indigenous Perspectives* at VIU.

- Are you interested and committed to engaging respectfully and mindfully in a dialogue about Indigenous perspectives, especially as it relates to higher education?
- Are you interested in working with a group of students from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds, to investigate what *Indigenous Perspective* means to VIU?
- Are you interested in eventually sharing with the VIU community (and perhaps beyond), what you discover through your experiences in this group?
- Can you commit to (most of the) gatherings below? The success of this group is directly related to its ability to forge relationships, and build trust through authentic connections and dialogue. Your commitment is key in order to create trust and go forward in a good way. Can you commit to:
 - 1) 3 hour kick-off retreat (late September; on-campus; dinner provided)
 - 2) 3 hour working retreat (late October; on-campus; dinner provided)
 - 3) Attendance at the University of Victoria Truth and Reconciliation Conference Pre-Conference: VIU Cowichan Campus (November 14th, all day)
 - 4) Attendance at the University of Victoria Truth and Reconciliation Conference: University of Victoria (November 15-16, all day)
 - 5) 3-hour debrief retreat (Late November, early December; on-campus; dinner provided)
 - 6) Various meetings next semester with break-out groups (dates/times TBD)

If you answered yes to the questions above we would like to invite you to join an interdisciplinary, extracurricular group of 20 students who will come together throughout the year. Together you will build community, trust and relationships while exploring one of VIU's graduate attributes: *Indigenous Perspective*. How can faculty, staff and students integrate this attribute meaningfully into VIU's curricula, spaces and culture?

As an international student at VIU you will have a meaningful contribution to make to this group. This is an extracurricular opportunity, and a certificate of participation will be provided to students.

Our deadline for expressions of interest is **Monday, September 17th at Noon**.

If you would like to be involved, or would like more information, please contact:

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