

## **Attachment 2: Budget Justification for SSHRC-funded activities**

At the start of each year, proposals will be solicited from interested faculty members and funds will be awarded in a competitive manner using the established vetting practices of our Humanities and Social Sciences Research Committee. This evaluation process will not only ensure a high quality of research, but will also maintain the integrity of the general theme. All figures are for the whole duration of the grant period (3 years).

### **1. Research Equipment: \$9,000**

Mount Allison's researchers have expressed a need to purchase data, purchase books for their own research as Mount Allison's library holdings are limited to student needs, to secure funds for interlibrary loans and to purchase hardware and software to carry out research.

### **2. Faculty Travel: \$41,000**

#### **2.1 Research Travel: \$22,000**

Mount Allison's geographically isolated location makes research travel a necessity for faculty members engaged in many types of research. This fund will facilitate researchers, access to libraries, research sites or communities which had previously been inaccessible. This portion of the fund will be reduced in the third year as ASUP-funded projects are concluded. (cf Budget)

#### **2.2 Dissemination of Results through Support for Conference Attendance: \$19,000**

This fund will be used to enhance researcher access to conferences where works can be presented and discussed. It will augment or match funds held by the researcher or pay for faculty attendance at conferences. We feel that it is vitally important for faculty members to be able to present their work and showcase Mount Allison as a significant centre of research in this area. As research results are obtained, there will be a greater need for dissemination funds. We have, therefore, increased the amount requested for the final year. (cf Budget)

### **3. Training of Students: \$ 24,000**

#### **3.1 Undergraduate Research Assistants: \$15,600**

Research assistants enhance the ability of researchers to obtain research results. Further, successful undergraduate research provides the foundation for successful masters and doctoral researchers.

Year 1: 6 student researchers @ 4 hours/week @ 12\$/hour @ 25 weeks = \$7,200

Year 2: 6 student researchers @ 4 hours/week @ 12\$/hour @ 25 weeks = \$7,200

Year 3: 1 student researcher @ 4 hours/week @ 12\$/hour @ 25weeks = \$1,200

#### **3.2 Website Development: \$6,240**

One student per year will be hired to develop and maintain the website. As research develops, more work will be required to regularly update the site. We have, therefore, anticipated more time being spent on this website in the final year of this grant.

Year 1: 2 student web developer @ 75 hours @ 12\$/hour = \$1,800

Year 2: 2 student web developer @ 75 hours @ 12\$/hour = \$1,800

Year 3: 2 student web developer @ 110 hours @ 12\$/hour = 2,640\$

### **3.3 Development and Distribution of Media packages: \$480**

Media packages will be developed in conjunction with the closing conference and launch of Mount Allison's centre for the study of culture to showcase the research in a manner that is accessible to an educated public audience. One student will be hired to carry out this work.

Year 3: 1 student @ 40 hours @ 12\$/hour = \$480

### **3.4 Organization of Closing/Capstone Conference: \$1,680**

Ten students will be hired to facilitate the organization of the capstone conference.

Year 3: 10 students @ 14 hours @ 12\$/hour = \$1680

## **2. Scholarly Events: \$16,000**

### **4.1 Opening Conference: \$5,000**

This conference will launch the research program to be undertaken over the course of the ASUP grant, with the goal of identifying existing research clusters inside Mount Allison and establishing opportunities for collaboration with colleagues from outside Mount Allison. These funds will be used for travel and subsistence for key note speaker(s), facility booking, food and hospitality for participants.

### **4.2 Keynote Speakers: \$5,000**

Visiting scholars, workshops, seminars and speakers series are essential to sustain the development of linkages between Mount Allison's research clusters and established scholars and networks in cultural studies. These events will provide ongoing opportunities for faculty members to deepen their understanding of cultural change and will expose students to scholarly exchanges. Funds will be used in the organization of these events.

### **4.3 Closing Conference: \$6,000**

This conference will celebrate the research accomplishments of the ASUP-funded program. It will also launch the newly institutionalized Centre for the Study of Culture at Mount Allison. This conference will be interdisciplinary and will showcase research and creative activity. We will invite several high-profile researchers as keynote speakers. Some activities will be targeted to a broader public audience. These funds will be used for travel and subsistence for key note speaker(s), facility booking, food and hospitality for participants.

### **Matching Funds: \$90,000**

Matching funds obtained by the university from the Marjorie Young Bell Foundation will supplement each of the proposed activities, should the proposal meet with success. In supporting basic research, funds will enhance access to research equipment and travel. Some matching funds will be used for student researcher salaries. We will hold additional speakers' series in each of the years of the ASUP-funded program and will support publishing. Course release time for a coordinator will be funded through this matching grant.