

Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies at UCFV

Program Plan 2007-2009

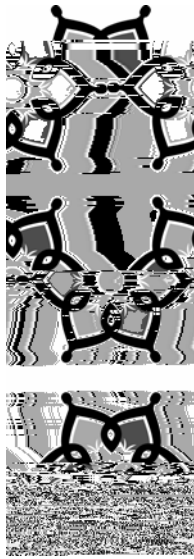
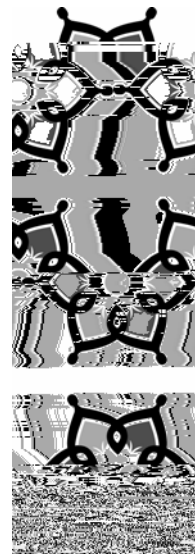


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Goals

To grow to become a national repository and a site for valuable, social, cultural and economic study and research.

To act as a catalyst for transforming UCFV into a place that reflects the diversity in our region.

To serve as a hub of information for people who want to do business with India and who want to understand the relationships and opportunities between the two countries.

The Centre strives to enhance the economic viability of BC with regions in India.

Target Audience

Fraser Valley region, Lower Mainland, BC, national and international businesses, individuals, students, educators/scholars/researchers, community members, governments, NGOs, community organizations and agencies, institutes of higher learning.

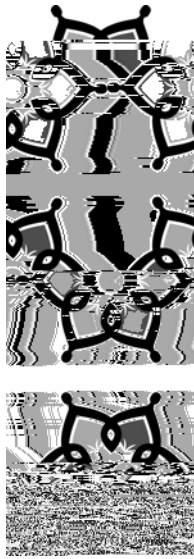
Key Messages

- Developing a resource for UCFV and the community
- Learning, teaching and research focus
- Canada-India business hub

Strategies

- To establish the BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada India Business and





Website

The CICS website is a communication tool used to provide up-to-date and current information on the activities and plans of the CICS. Create links with other centres and Institutes, government and non-governmental organizations that compliment, link with or reflect the mandate of the CICS. Maintain a responsive website and create awareness through its interactive format for the numerous groups that relate to the CICS by way of newsletters, events calendar, photos, messages, programs and courses.

Research Publications and Consultation Reports

The CICS will assist in publishing and disseminating research undertaken by members of the LRTG and/or other CICS stakeholders. Consultations undertaken by the CICS under its own initiative or by request of stakeholders will be available for public consumption.

Media Response

The CICS will develop a media strategy that is pro-active, current, and responsive to issues. A media strategy that keeps that media abreast of CICS activities and programs will be developed and maintained in order to raise and maintain profile of the CICS.



Student and Faculty Engagement

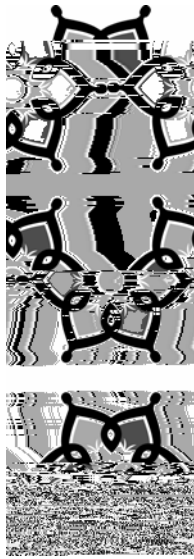
Learning, Research and Teaching Group (LRTG)

Develop and strengthen the area of study, research and learning with Canada/India/ Diasporas linkages through the work of the Learning, Research and Teaching Group. Faculty at UCFV and other national/international scholars' work on research areas that would benefit the work of the CICS will be supported by the CICS. In collaboration with the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute and other funding bodies, th

Stakeholder Relationships

Research Agenda

Build a comprehensive research agenda and capacity with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and community organizations. Implement ways and means to conduct urgent social, cultural, anthropological and economic research under the CICS mandate. Build partnerships and collaborative models with agencies (government and non-government), universities and colleges to assist any initiatives that strengthen ties between the two countries in designed areas of research. Support research by providing venues for presentation both at UCFV and abroad through workshops,





Resources

Library

Develop and build resources at UCFV for the benefit of student and faculty study and research. Provide on-going support for specific initiatives internally at UCFV and with partner universities in India and other Diaspora countries.

Funding

Actively seek out funding sources and develop proposals for programs that fit the mandate of the CICS and its initiatives. Support other funding proposals from within UCFV and other partner organizations that also reflect CICS interests.

Community Capacity Building

Support initiatives in the community that build greater ties with CICS and Canada/India/Diasporas. Support community initiatives in film, multi-media, art, education, archives, history, heritage, language and culture that help in community capacity building. Create opportunities for open dialogue and discussion with the community on topical matters. Strive to remain current, relevant and pro-active to community issues and trends.

Administration

Manage the budget for the Centre and actively pursue funding opportunities to enhance the work of the CICS. Liaise with internal UCFV systems and provide supervision for administrative support. Manage activities/programs of the CICS, liaise with the public and engage the community.

Research Chair

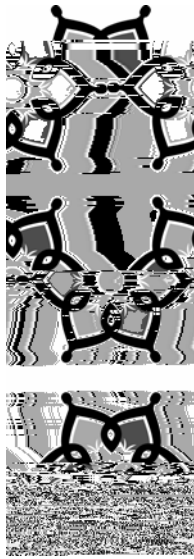
Develop a working relationship and terms of reference with the Chair. Assist with promotional activities and other activities as needed. Assist with continuous growth of the Chair endowment.

Professional Development

CICS staff and volunteers to attend and take part in professional development areas that are related to the CICS mandate.

Evaluation

- Annual report for dissemination
- Learning/Research/Training Group roundtable
- Community dialogue and information exchange
- Publications/research
- Growth in Canada India Studies program





2007 Program Details

Following is an outline of program activities under consideration for implementation during the 2007 timeframe.

Learning, Research, and Teaching

Initiate and implement a Learning, Research and Teaching group on Canada India Studies at UCFV to develop teaching, research and learning opportunities with Universities in India

Scholarship

Facilitate exchange scholarship with scholars from India and other Diaspora countries

Studies Program

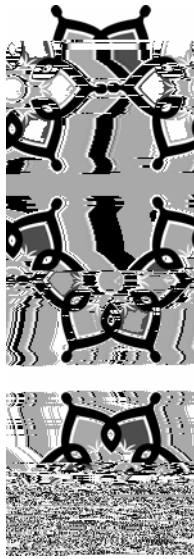
- Develop Canada India Studies Certificate at UCFV
- Develop and implement India study tour for students and faculty

Research and consultation program

- Ministry of Children and Family Development – child-protection consultation
- Fraser Valley youth consultation
- Indo Canadian Centennial History project – the first 100 years
- National Historic Heritage Site – Abbotsford Sikh Temple web development
- Case Management for Settlement Workers – developing training modules
- Community and sector consultations on trends, projections and issues
- *Alphabetically Abbotsford* publication – chapter on the first Sikh temple in BC
- Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, Calgary, Alberta - research roundtable consultation
- Canadian Diabetes Association – support for learning resources
- Roundtable on Approaches to Multicultural Diversity in Canada: Policy Research Initiative for Canadian heritage
- Centre for Health and Environment Research – UBC; support for Chemical Hazard Prevention and Education for Farm Workers project
- UCFV Research Review: South Asian studies – transnational issues
- CIDA Stand Alone Public Engagement Fund (SAPEF) – Creating a Child-friendly World: Risk and Harm Reduction - UCFV International Education dept. forums

Events, programs, and activities

- Ehsaas – South Asian film festival
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Committees

UCFV Research Advisory Council

The Council provides the Dean of Research and Industry Liaison with advice and recommendations with respect to policies, programs and other initiatives related to research, creative and other scholarly activities at UCFV.

Racism Discussion Group – Promoting Intercultural Relations

UCFV-wide group that meets to inform and make aware issues of racism while promoting intercultural relations.

Indo Canadian Community Advisory Committee

The ICCAC advises and responds to the work of the Centre and the BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada India Business and Economic Development.

MCFD Steering Committee for Child Protection Consultations

Community Steering Committee that guides, informs and supports the Child Protection consultations.

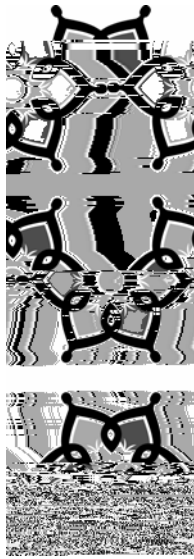
History Centennial Project Advisory Committee

City of Abbotsford Social Development Advisory Committee

The purpose of the ASDAC is to provide advices to Council on social issues, and to help guide the City's social planning function.

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Health disparities, structural violence and social suffering research development.





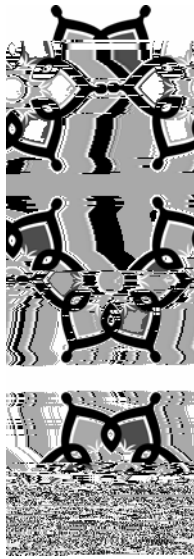
APPENDIX A

Terms of Reference UCFV Indo Canadian Community Advisory Committee



The UCFV President will appoint an Indo-Canadian Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC). The role of the ICCAC is to provide general advice to the University on the ongoing activities of the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies, the Canada-India studies program, and the work of the BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development.

1. The ICCAC shall consist of persons appointed by the President of UCFV.
2. Membership on the ICCAC will consist of the Dean of Research and Industry Liaison, the Director of the Centre, the B.C. Regional Innovation Chair, one faculty member, one student involved in the activities of the Centre and up to twelve members of the community.
3. The President of UCFV will solicit nominations for community membership on the ICCAC. Nominations may be made by members of UCFV or the community.
4. To ensure continuity, individual appointments to the ICCAC shall normally be for a one-year or two-year renewable term.
5. The ICCAC will meet at least twice each year.
6. Resignations from the ICCAC shall be made in writing to the President of UCFV.



APPENDIX B

India Canada Studies Program Curriculum Advisory Committee

Chair: **Eric Davis**
Dean of Arts and Applied Arts

Members: **Gloria Wolfson**
Director, School of Social Work and Human Services

Jim Andersen
Department Head: English

Teresa Arroliga Piper
Department Head: Modern Languages Institute

Stephen Piper
Instructor: Social, Cultural and Media Studies, Sociology and Latin American
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David Milobar
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Madeleine Hardin
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