

**Arts: Social Sciences Division
Professional Development Guidelines 2026-2027**

Divisional PD Committee

Every department should have a representative on the PD committee, which reviews the current guidelines and approves faculty proposals for their PD entitlement. Our guiding principle has been to be as egalitarian as possible, avoiding a competitive evaluation procedure that pits one faculty member's application against another. Other divisions employ different methods in their disbursement and adjudication of PD funding requests. Undoubtedly, some of you will disagree with our approach and should advise your department representative of any concerns. Faculty are reminded that Divisional PD funds are a taxable benefit.

Amount for 2026-2027

PD funds arise from the terms of the Collective Agreement and for this fiscal year, our divisional committee was allotted a base of **\$700 per FTE**. Our PD fund now has a small surplus, so we will be offering **\$1,000 per FTE**. These funds are in addition to the \$250 each regular and NR2 faculty member is entitled to, which are administered through KPU's finance department, using a standard expense form, not the PD expense reporting form.

Eligibility

All faculty members are eligible for PD funds, which are **pro-rated based on a full teaching load of 8 sections**, or equivalent work such as time-release for research and scholarship, maternity/paternity leave, education leave, or administrative work (i.e. Chair, REB, or other committee work). This year, for example, those teaching 4 courses, half a regular workload (or FTE = 0.50), would have access to **\$500 (half of \$1,000)**. PD funds for non-regular faculty will be based on the number of sections taught within three consecutive semesters beginning with the summer semester (i.e. a full academic year as with full time faculty) but based on the number of sections taught in the financial fiscal year (April 1-March 31) rather than the academic year (Sept. 1-Aug. 31).

Banked Funds and Cash Advances

Please note that it is not possible to bank funds and advances are no longer possible.

Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses include membership fees, journal subscriptions, books, access to databases, technology (e.g. computer and smartphone) that directly supports research and professional development (excluding phone/internet access fees, but including subscriptions to technology that supports research), course fees, conference, and associated fees, upgrading qualifications, curriculum materials, field equipment/gear, academic travel, and research expenses. Please contact a member of the PD committee if your activity falls outside this list. We will attempt to be as accommodating and inclusive as possible.

With respect to journals, software or books the intention is that they will be shared within the applicant's department for the use of other faculty as well. When applying for these types of materials, you will need to specify exact titles, organizations, etc. on your application form. Also note, that eligible expenses must be incurred by the applicant between **April 1, 2026** and **March 31, 2027**.

Procedures, Notes and Forms

1. Funds must be requested **prior** to the PD activity to ensure the proposed PD activities fall within our guidelines and that adequate funds are available. Remember to apply as early as possible because funds are allocated on a first come first-served basis and there is always the possibility of funds running out.
2. Complete all sections of the Professional Development Application Form (G2557) and send it to **your departmental PD rep**, listed below. A hard copy and a web link to this form are provided below. Please include your FTE status, email, and voice mail. After your application has been approved by your department PD rep it is sent to the Dean's office and then forwarded to the Finance department. Finance processes your application. Remember the application form must be filled out and approved **before** any expenses are incurred and an expense form is submitted! You will receive an email copy of your approved form from the Dean's office. Note that additional approval is required for travel and you may be required to book travel through university-mandated channels. Information is available [here](#).
3. If your PD plans change and you no longer need the funding, **please advise your departmental PD rep as soon as possible**. Funds may not be applied to a different event without approval.
4. After the event, (usually within 30 days), complete the PD Expense Report form (A1039) making sure to attach all original receipts (credit card summaries are normally not accepted) and send it to your department PD rep. A hard copy and a web link to this form are provided below. Mileage (**0.595 per km**), transit fees and parking can be claimed with receipts as can the food allowance to a limit of **\$119.75 CDN** per day. Note that mileage expenses should be accompanied by a Google map.
5. In order to include funds carried over from the previous year and therefore maximize our annual allotments, applications will be approved starting on **April 20, 2026**.
6. PD application forms for this fiscal year must be approved by the dean by **February 26, 2027** to be eligible. Be mindful that the approval process can take between 7-10 days.
7. A "hard copy" PD application form is provided below. Or follow [this link](#) to the **PD application form**. Note, you may have to login to KPU first.
8. A "hard copy" PD expense form is provided below. Or follow this link to the finance form website to access the **PD expense form**: <https://www.kpu.ca/finance/finance-forms>

Departmental PD Representatives

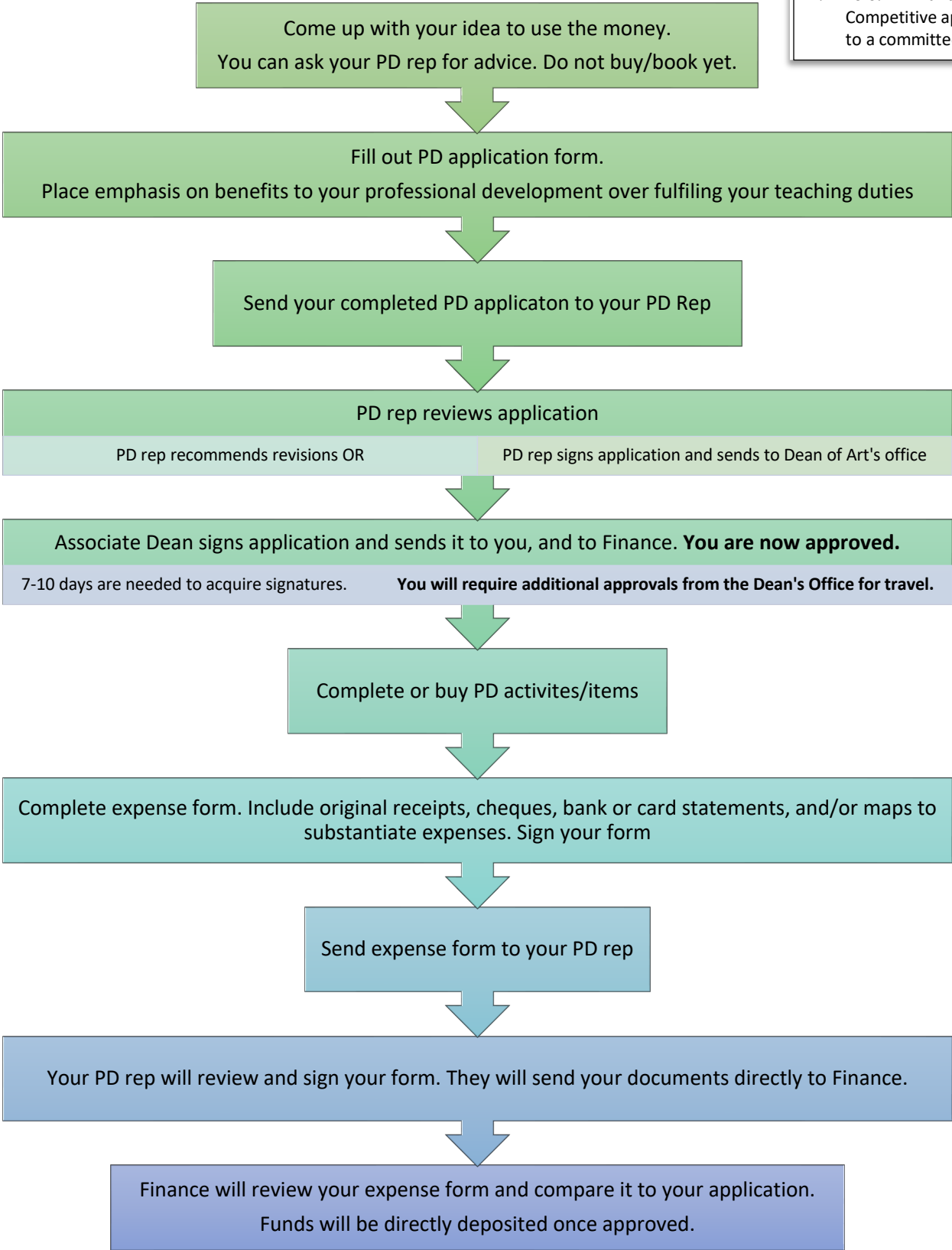
Name	Department	Campus Mail
Alicia Horton/Mariana Gatzeva	Sociology	Surrey
Tracy Sherlock (Chair)/Eve Edmonds	Journalism/Comm	Surrey
John Martin	Geography/Environment	Richmond
Nathalie Gagnon	Criminology	Surrey
Sara Yoshida	Anthropology	Richmond
Cory Pedersen	Psychology	Surrey
Jack Hayes	History	Surrey
Francis Abiew	Political Science	Surrey

PD committee members welcome any comments, suggestions and/or questions that you might have concerning Professional Development. **Email is simply first.last@kpu.ca**.

PD Money Quick Reference Chart

This process does not apply to:

- ⇒ "Personal PD": \$250, regular expense form, straight to Finance
- ⇒ "0.6% PD Fund": Competitive application to a committee





NOTE TO APPLICANT: PD Expense Report Form (with receipts) MUST be submitted to clear this charge against your name. If you do not complete the approved activity, the PD Chair Finance must be notified

Name of Applicant: _____ **Banner #** _____

Program/Discipline: _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone #** _____

If you require additional space to answer the following questions, please attach a separate page and supporting documentation.

Description of Activity: _____

Dates and Location: _____

Please describe how the proposed activity will be of benefit to you: _____

Please describe how the proposed activity will be of benefit to KPU: _____

Please complete estimated expenses on page 2.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Travel/Misc. \$ _____

Advance Required \$ _____
(not issued under \$200)

Kilometres \$ _____

Accommodation \$ _____

Date Required _____

Meals \$ _____

Payable to _____

Registration Fees \$ _____

Campus C L R S

Airfare \$ _____

Are you requesting additional funds in the future to reduce your share if monies are available? Yes No

Other (please specify) \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Applicant's Signature - REQUIRED
Date: _____

Less Applicant's share \$ _____

PD Funds Required \$ _____

RECOMMENDATION OF PD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

PD Group: _____

Amount Recommended: _____

Date: _____

PD Org Code: _____

PD Chair: _____

Name – please print clearly

Signature

Disbursement:

Name of Administrator- please print clearly

Signature of Administrator

Date

FUND	ORG	ACCT	ACTV	AMOUNT

