

Welcome. Weyt-kp.

May 21 2026 Soundings on....

“Use-inspired education and research”



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British Columbia’s first dual-sector research university

We unify academic education and research with vocational and skilled trades education;

We lead with use-inspired education and research applied to the challenges in Interior BC and contributing to the futures of the province, Canada and globally.



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Interesting...

What does 'use-inspired education and research' mean at Thompson Rivers University?

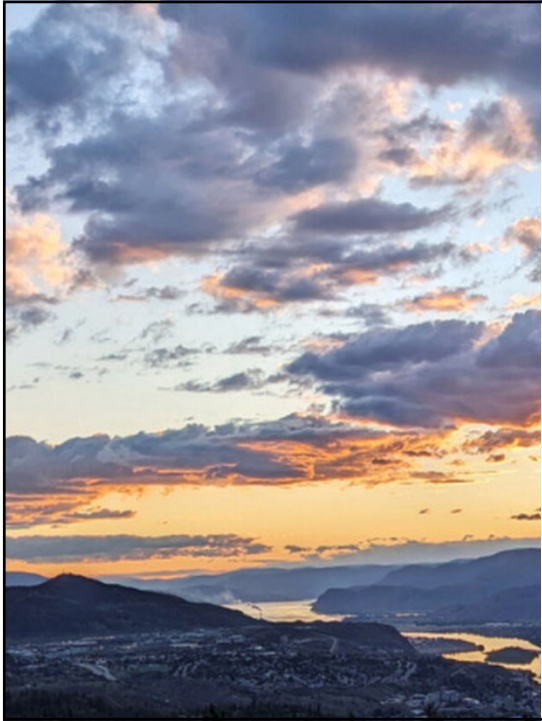


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This is about... people

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This is about....
place

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This is about...
empowerment

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Envision TRU

Community-minded with a global conscience,

we boldly redefine the university as a place of belonging —
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where all people are empowered to transform
.... themselves,
.... their communities,
.... and the world.



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Envision TRU: Values

Inclusion and Diversity.

Community-Mindedness.

Curiosity. We seek out new ideas and embrace change, understanding they may involve risks. We break paths with creative, critical, yet thoughtful purpose. We push boundaries as a university and encourage students, faculty, staff, and the community to do the same.

Sustainability.



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Big idea #1: 'Use-inspired education and research' is uniquely TRU

...Anchored in our values of inclusion and diversity, community-mindedness, curiosity and sustainability.

...Empowering through adventure, culinary arts and tourism; the arts, business and economics, education and social work, law, library and student development, nursing, science, trades and technology.



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Our 10-year strategic change goals guide TRU advancing use-inspired education and research

- **Eliminate achievement gaps.**

We will **support** students of all backgrounds to **access and succeed** in higher education.

We will **recruit and retain** students to create a balanced community of learners and leaders reflective of Canada and the world.

- **Honour truth, reconciliation and rights.**

We will **nurture** a flourishing relationship with the Secwépemc people on whose lands we reside. Members of our community will **give exceptional consideration** to Secwépemc world view and belief system. '

...We will **acknowledge** the many Nations who live and work on and near these lands, and **support** provincial, national and global movements for the fulfillment and recognition of Indigenous rights.

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- **Lead in community research and scholarship.**
We will **support** all faculty members in **knowledge-seeking, knowledge creation, and creative inquiry**. We will earn recognition as the most committed and innovative university in Canada for research and scholarship based on community partnerships; for **involving graduate students** in community-centred research; and for **undergraduate research training**.
- **Design lifelong learning.**
We will **adapt and combine** modes of learning, teaching, and practical experience to **create** a seamless and integrated set of educational encounters that **meet the changing needs** of learners from early childhood to elderly years.
We will **design** the map on which individual learners can chart their personal journeys to develop relevant knowledge when they need it, in the forms they can best access, while starting, stopping and returning as often as they need.

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Big idea #2: 'Use-inspired education and research' at TRU is about transformation

...From our vision that every person is empowered to transform self, community, the world.

...And through our change goals to eliminate achievement gaps; honour truth, reconciliation and rights; lead in community research and scholarship; and design lifelong learning.

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**A TRU story of use-inspired
education and research**