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## **UCC SELECTED FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE GRANT**

KAMLOOPS—The University College of the Cariboo is one of ten post-secondary institutions in Canada selected to receive special funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT).

The UCC grant of \$110,000 was awarded through DFAIT's Development of International Business Studies Program and will be used to create a Global Environment of Business specialization coordinated by UCC's Department of Economics.

"It's a subject that will benefit all students, especially Canadian students, in an area of study that currently doesn't exist in Western Canada," said Ivan Somlai, Associate Director for International Contract Services at UCC.

The specialization will be designed to familiarize Canadian and international students with economic, cultural and socio-political perspectives necessary for success in an interdependent world, Somlai added. The focus of the specialization will be on the perspectives, breadth of knowledge, flexibility and initiatives essential for international operation and innovation.

Dr. Jim Seldon, Dr. Hafiz Rahman and Dr. Zena Seldon, faculty members in Economics, worked with Somlai to draft the successful proposal and will develop the program over the next two years. Consultation with government and industry, and input from various UCC departments and disciplines, particularly those in the social sciences and humanities, will guide the progress of the specialization.

Other post-secondary institutions to receive funding included University of Calgary, University of Alberta, Capilano College, Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, Lakehead University, College Boreal, Ecole de technologie superieure, Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales and University of Moncton.

For more information, please contact Ivan Somlai at 250-371-5764 or Jim Seldon at 250-828-5241. More detailed information on the project can also be viewed at <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/ics-cki/pdibs-e.asp> 371-5753 or 372-5882.

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