

*Proposal to Create*

## **The Centre for Korean Studies (CKS)**

*An International Research Centre*

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Appendix: Letters of Support

*External: twelve national and international letters – Korean/Asian Studies and interdisciplinary including those from UCLA (California), UBC (Vancouver), Columbia U. (New York), Georgetown U., American U. (Washington DC), Kent State U (Ohio), University of Illinois (Urbana), Sogang U. (Seoul, Korea), National Taiwan U. (Taipei, ROC), etc.*

*Internal/Local: eleven humanities/social sciences letters – interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary*  
Eight letters by the Dean of Arts and UPEI professors in History, Philosophy, Political Science, Modern Languages, Religious Studies, Economics, and Music and  
Three letters by former and current UPEI students in Education, Sociology, History, Religious Studies, Asian Studies, and Korean Studies, UPEI

## *1. Executive Summary*

The purpose of this proposal is to create an international research “Centre for Korean Studies” (CKS) in the Faculty of Arts: the very first of its kind at UPEI and in Eastern Canada. SDU Main 415 is a convenient and already-available location for the Centre. When approved, we wish to begin it from Jan. or Feb. 2024. This document presents the following aspects of the CKS: proposal background; mission; functions; membership; by-laws; staffing and space needs; external funding; a tentative 12-year budget; activities, events, and initiatives; and annual reports and 5-year Centre review. In preparing and revising it, we consulted several key UPEI documents: UPEI Centres Policy (rev. 1; Nov. 2014) and Appendix A (Procedures Governing the Establishment, Reporting & Review of Research Centres...at the University of PEI); UPEI Strategic Plan; and Strategic Research Plan (2023–2028).<sup>1</sup>

The CKS is an integrated Centre to embark on world-class research, publication, conference, seminar, and other scholarly activities. It will also support the Asian Studies (AST) program, Korean Studies (KS) staffing and teaching, international academic events, student scholarship and research assistantship, and other initiatives. This is to be done in interdisciplinary consultation with faculty, students, and staff who are interested in the Asian and Korean Studies program at UPEI.

This Centre shall be governed and managed academically and administratively by UPEI according to its overarching principles, policies, and guidelines and also operates in interdisciplinary collaboration with the Asian Studies Committee, Faculty of Arts. As required by the University’s Centres Policy and its Appendix A Guidelines, the Centre will also submit its annual activity and performance reports to the Vice-President Academic and Research, Associate V-P Research, and Dean of Arts.

The Centre will continue to develop an international network of research and scholarship by leading or working with Korean/Asian Studies scholars and research centers at other universities in Canada, USA, Korea, and around the world. Over the past several years, we have established scholarly connections through collaborative research and publication while organizing and hosting UPEI’s international conferences and speaker series lectures, thanks to three major KS project grants since Jan. 2018. This Centre will certainly play a significant role in extending and expanding such a hub for the first time in Eastern Canada, which will strengthen UPEI’s national and global academic reputation.

In this regard, the CKS proposal is endorsed and supported internally and externally by a great number of UPEI colleagues and students and other universities’ distinguished international scholars in KS, AST, History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Education, etc. See their letters of support in the Appendix: twelve by UPEI faculty members and students and twelve from other universities in Canada, USA, Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. For example, Dr. Robert Buswell (Distinguished Research Professor; founding Director, Center for Buddhist Studies and Center for Korean Studies, UCLA) writes:

“I found at UPEI a flourishing program in Asian and especially Korean Studies.... As someone who has established two academic centers, I recognize in Professor Chung exactly the kind of entrepreneurial spirit that is required in a successful center director. He has established close personal connections one must have in order to negotiate with funding agencies in Asia; this is especially so with the Academy of Korean Studies. His proposal for the CKS seems to me well conceived that the Center should be immediately viable both intellectually and financially. The current situation of the program already has a remarkable record of achievement; I have no doubt that it will flourish even more as it expands into a formal research center.”<sup>2</sup>

Many of these and other scholars will likely be associated with UPEI’s international KS network by advising or contributing to the Centre’s research and scholarly functions, activities, and initiatives.

<sup>1</sup> For web links to these official documents, see section 14 (UPEI and Other Documents Consulted and/or Cited) of this proposal, p. 41.

<sup>2</sup> The new (updated) version of this external support letter (Sept. 9, 2020) is included in the Appendix.

**With respect to funding, there will be no new or extra financial burden on UPEI at all.** Here is why. The Centre will be fully funded by **external** Korean Studies grants. Its first two years are fully funded by UPEI's two *existing* KS grants that are available with Dr. Chung's KS Seed Program project and KS Lab Publication project. These international grants were awarded by KSPS (Korean Studies Promotion Service), the AKS (Academy of Korean Studies), an international graduate studies institution (affiliated with the Ministry of Education, Government of Korea). The total amount of their combined budget is about **\$443,979** available for 2024–2025, which will easily support all of the Centre's operation expenses during its first two years until Aug. 31, 2025.<sup>3</sup> For the following ten years (2026–35) from the fall 2025 semester or January 2026, the Centre is to be *externally funded* again by two major KS program grants:

- a new ten-year Korean Studies Strategic Research Institute Program grant offered by KSPS: a bigger and longer grant **\$M1.2** for a 10-year (2026–2035) KS Strategic Research project at UPEI *and*
- a *renewable* (based on project performance) 3-year KS Lab Program grant offered by KSPS: about **\$330,000** in total (\$110,000 per year) for a research and publication (3 books) project.<sup>4</sup>

Dr. Chung is strongly committed to applying for both project grants during spring 2025. We are confident that we will get both grants after establishing the CKS first. In fact, an *established* Centre is the most important criterion *required* for submitting a successful KS Strategic Research Institute Program (SRIP) application because under the AKS Program Guidelines, it is the Centre that executes an SRIP project. Another key criterion that UPEI *already* has for several years with a great reputation (the AKS is fully familiar with it) is an ongoing KS program for teaching, international scholarly events, and students activities. We will also complete the two ongoing KS projects (including the KS Lab publication project) very successfully by September 2025; both projects are going very well. We are very confident that these criteria including the *established* CKS at UPEI this year will enable UPEI and Dr. Chung to be in our best position to secure those two grants mentioned above. The AKS will be very impressed and pleased to fund us again with bigger and longer grants for the CKS at UPEI.

In fact, one essential part of our ongoing KS Seed and Lab projects that UPEI and Dr. Chung have agreed with the AKS (i.e., signed project application and grant agreement) is to create this Centre during the first (2022-23) or second year (2023-24) of both projects. Moreover, the AKS is very interested in supporting UPEI's commitment and plan to establish the CKS, the first of its kind, in Eastern Canada, one that will serve as a major *international* network of research, scholarship, and education in collaboration with other KS/Asian Studies scholars and research centers in N. America and around the world.

Overall, this proposal is very consistent with UPEI's mission, functions, and strategic priorities that are outlined in the Centres Policy and Appendix A, UPEI Strategic Plan, and Strategic Research Plan (2023–2028). For example, it accords with what the Centres Policy calls “strategic objectives” for establishing a research centre to promote “excellent scholarship, research and knowledge utilization” (p. 1). Moreover, the CKS will passionately pursue what the Strategic Research Plan emphasizes as our “existing strengths” and “new resources” to “increase...the University's profile and prominence”<sup>5</sup> regionally and internationally. It also nicely fits in with the UPEI Strategic Plan's priority emphasis on “creative research projects,” “new [external] sources of funding,” and “actively seek grant and funding opportunities.”<sup>6</sup>

It is also vital to note that the AST Program's total enrollment was 100–110 ten years ago, but this number has tremendously increased *five times* to 520–530 in 2022–23, thanks to KS courses that are mostly funded externally by the KS Seed project. Its estimated total for 2023–2024 is 660–680: the absolutely

<sup>3</sup> For details on this available budget, see sec. 10 (Sustainability of the Centre: External Funding and Financial Support), pp. 15-16, including n. 55 and sec. 11 (A Detailed 12-Year Budget Plan), p. 17.

<sup>4</sup> See n. 3 above for details.

<sup>5</sup> Quoting the UPEI Strategic Research Plan (2023–2028), sec. 1 (Executive Summary), p. 3.

<sup>6</sup> UPEI Strategic Plan, priority 3 (Scholarship, Research, Discovery), p. 14, and priority 5 (... Resource Management), p. 16.

**highest** enrolment increase (600%!) among all Arts departments and programs at UPEI in many years. Accordingly, does this not justify and empower the Program to be *upgraded* to a **Major** degree program in the coming years? The CKS will certainly play a leading role in this process that can also create a new tenured or t-track position possibly with an external **funding endowment** (\$2-3M) from Korea.<sup>7</sup>

The proposed CKS will become a successful international Centre that produces world-class research, publication, conferences, and speaker series while supporting interdisciplinary KS teaching and staffing, student scholarship, student research assistantship and mentorship, etc. As the Centre develops, it will strongly compete with UBC's CKS and UofT's CKS, Canada's two established centres for Korean Studies, as well as with those leading KS centres at three top American universities such as Harvard, Columbia, and UCLA. My colleagues at these schools are looking forward to it. Please stay tuned.

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*Note: The original version (9 pages) of this proposal was submitted to Dr. Neb Kujundzic (Dean of Arts) on May 6, 2020 and he fully supported it. And then it was reviewed by the VP Academic & Research (Dr. Kathy Gottschall-Pass)—Deans Council in their August 18, 2020 meeting. Dr. Chung revised it by incorporating all comments that were kindly offered by this Council and then submitted its revised version (26 pages) on Sept. 7, 2020. The revised version was supported by the VPAR—Deans Council and then reviewed also by the Associate VP Research (Dr. Rabin Bissessur)—Senate Research Advisory Committee (RAC) during April–May 2021. The RAC (chaired by AVPR) basically supported it with this recommendation: get new funding if possible for the proposed Centre; revise its name (Centre for Korean and Asian Studies) to the “Centre for Korean Studies”; include a specific budget plan for the Centre’s sustainability; and solicit more support letters (the Sept 2020 version had two external letters of support). The further process of review and approval was delayed due to the COVID waves, 2021–2022. Furthermore, I also had to apply and get new funding for two ongoing KS projects—which began in Aug. and Dec. 2022 (combined grant amount: about \$640,000)—associated with the CKS proposal. This present proposal document (43 pages; Sept. 18, 2023) has accommodated all aspects of the advice given by the AVPR and RAC and is updated and more comprehensive and fine-tuned than its previous two versions.*

## ***2. Proposal Background: Asian and Korean Studies Projects at UPEI***

UPEI's first KS Seed Program project grant (about \$330,000) for three year (Dec. 2017–June 2021) was awarded by the AKS (Academy of Korean Studies),<sup>8</sup> South Korea. It greatly helped us to develop a new KS Minor program and its international academic events and activities at UPEI. By working with the Dean of Arts and Vice-President Academic & Research during 2018–2021, the Asian Studies Committee and Dr. Edward Chung (Asian Studies Director and KS Project Director) have successfully:

- developed this new KS minor curriculum with seven new courses<sup>9</sup> for the first time in the history of Atlantic Canadian universities;
- created and hired a new term contract faculty position and regular sessionals in Korean and Asian Studies to teach Korea-focused courses in the Asian Studies program<sup>10</sup>;

<sup>7</sup> For some details on this funding source, see sec. 12-C (Programs...: Teaching and Funding), p. 37. Thereafter, it is ideal for UPEI's long-term goal to develop an *interdisciplinary* graduate studies (MA) program called “Asian and International Studies” or something similar within the Faculty of Arts.

<sup>8</sup> The AKS is Korea's leading national research institute of Korean Studies that offers international graduate studies programs (MA and PhD). It is affiliated with the Ministry of Education, Government of South Korea.

<sup>9</sup> AST and KS web links: <https://www.upei.ca/programs/korean-studies> <https://www.upei.ca/programs/asian-studies>

<sup>10</sup> UPEI hired Dr. Jungeun Park as an assistant professor with a six-month term (Jan.–June 2018), renewed her contract for another ten months (Sept. 2018–June 2019), and then four more months (Sept.–Dec. 2019). And

- funded and awarded new AST student scholarship and assistantship<sup>11</sup>;
- hosted and funded scholarly events such as a KS international conference and special speaker series lectures for the first time in Eastern Canada<sup>12</sup>;
- promoted student-centered academic and international activities and events<sup>13</sup>; and also
- produced an excellent record of scholarly research, publication, and presentation.<sup>14</sup>

then Somi Lee (a doctoral candidate) was appointed as a lecturer for her 5-month contract (Jan–May 2020).

Dr. Park taught:

- Korean Civilization (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed with Hist 2090-1 [special topic ])
- Korean Society and Culture (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed with Hist 2090-2)
- Korean Religions (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed as RS 2880)
- Modern Korean History (3<sup>rd</sup>-year lecture & seminar; c-listed with Hist 3090)
- Korean Cinema and Drama (3<sup>rd</sup>-year seminar or online)

Dr. Somi Lee, a popular KS instructor, taught:

- Introduction to Korean II: Language & Society (c-listed with ML 1020)
- Korean Civilization (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed with Hist 2090-1; *online*)
- Korean Arts: Traditional and Modern (3<sup>rd</sup>-year *online* lecture and seminar)

As a regular sessional, she also taught two other popular KS courses as sessionals:

- Introduction to Korean Language (1<sup>st</sup>-year lecture, c-listed with ML 1020; *online*)
- Digital Media and Pop-culture in South Korea (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture; *online*)

Asian Studies and the KS Seed project offered these 8 KS courses in addition to Korean language I, thereby strengthening AST program delivery. The AKS, UPEI's funding partner, is very pleased with this "impressive list" of UPEI's KS courses. *For more details, see sec. 12-C (...Teaching and Funding Support for Asian Studies and KS Courses), pp. 37–38.*

<sup>11</sup> UPEI's AST and KS Seed project fulfilled these student-centered programs and benefits during 2018–2021:

- Student Scholarship (\$1,000–1,200 each; 2 or 3 students were selected each year in May 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 (based on the overall excellence of final grade, class participation, and interest in KS);
- Student Assistantship (hired and mentored one or two students in AST and KS each year as teaching, project, or research assistants; 4–6 hours weekly for 8–9 months); and

*For more details, see sec. 12-D (Student Benefits and Opportunities), p. 38.*

<sup>12</sup> We promoted and hosted KS International Conference (June 2018; the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada) and Asian Studies International Speaker Series (three times since March 2018 for the first time in Eastern Canada). UPEI events and news about this Conference:

<https://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2018/06/upei%E2%80%99s-asian-studies-program-hosts-international-conference>.

[https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei\\_international\\_conference\\_on\\_asian\\_studies-program.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei_international_conference_on_asian_studies-program.pdf)

[https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei\\_international\\_conference\\_on\\_asian\\_studies-poster.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei_international_conference_on_asian_studies-poster.pdf)

and about Speaker Series:

<https://www.upei.ca/communications/events/2018/02/speaker-series-asian-and-korean-studies-international-seminar>

<https://www.upei.ca/communications/events/2019/03/asian-studies-seminar-korean-studies-speaker-series>

<https://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2020/03/two-public-talks-asian-studies-international-seminar/korean-studies>

*For more information, see sec. 12-B (International Scholarly Events), pp. 35–36 and especially nn. 63, 65.*

<sup>13</sup> Asian Studies has a fine track record in carrying out several *student-centered* activities for the first time in Atlantic Canada as follows:

- Student Workshops: special orientation sessions on AST and KS scholarship, courses, and activities; done four times since Feb. 2018;
- Korean Movie Evenings: done 3 times, 2018–19; and
- Korean Speech Contest: Nov. 2019.

*For more details (including web links and notices), see sec. 12-E (Student-centered Academic and International Activities), p. 39, including n. 72.*

<sup>14</sup> During 2018–2022, we have developed a great reputation for research and publication: for example, Dr. Edward Chung's three major scholarly books by two leading international publishers as follows:



## TWO NEW KS PROJECT GRANTS:

UPEI now has two new ongoing KS project grants, both of which were awarded by the AKS:

- the second 3-year KS Seed Program project grant (June 1, 2022–May 31, 2025; about \$320,000) and
- a new KS Lab Program for publication project grant (Sept. 1, 2022–Aug. 31, 2025; \$311,850 wired to UPEI on Dec. 15, 2022).

Thanks to these new grants since the Fall 2022 semester, Dr. Edward Chung has been working with the AST Committee, Dean of Arts, and UPEI senior administration in order to develop and advance the KS project successfully in terms of

- KS course teaching (and funding),
- supporting term-contract position and several sessionals in AST,<sup>15</sup>
- awarding student scholarship and research assistantship,<sup>16</sup>

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- *The Great Synthesis of Korean Wang Yangming Neo-Confucianism: The Testament (Chonon)* by Chǒng Chedu (Hagok) (Lanham, New York, and London: The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, 2020). 397 pages; hardcover and paperback  
[https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781793614704/The-Great-Synthesis-of-Wang-Yangming-Neo-Confucianism-in-Korea-The-Chonon-\(Testament\)-by-Chong-Chedu-\(Hagok\)](https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781793614704/The-Great-Synthesis-of-Wang-Yangming-Neo-Confucianism-in-Korea-The-Chonon-(Testament)-by-Chong-Chedu-(Hagok))
  - *The Moral and Religious Thought of Yi Hwang (Toegye)* (New York, London: Palgrave Macmillan [Springer Nature], Oct. 2021), 227 pages; hardcover and paperback. Palgrave Macmillan is another excellent publisher. For three reviews: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-77924-5> [Palgrave Studies in Comparative East-West Philosophy | Chienkuo Mi | Springer](#)
  - the third book on the special theme of emotions: *Emotions in Korean Philosophy and Religion: Confucian, Comparative, and Contemporary Perspectives* (New York and London: Palgrave Macmillan, July 2022). 403 pages; hardcover and OA (free internet downloading). Includes my introductory chapter, chapter 4, and concluding Chapter (13). <https://link.springer.com/book/9783030947460> <https://link.springer.com/series/16356>

Dr. Chung also guest-edited and published an international journal issue of *Acta Koreana* with 5 articles (one written by himself and four written by other scholars) on the special theme of “good and evil in Korean religion, philosophy, and spirituality”; three peer-reviewed journal articles; two scholarly book chapters; and an article in a prominent journal. He and KS project participants also presented eight (8) major conference papers at international conferences. The AKS, UPEI’s KS funding partner, appreciated and congratulated this international record of research and publication. For other details, see sec. 12-A (*Research and Publication*), pp. 33–34 and nn. 60, 61.

<sup>15</sup> Thanks to the second KS Seed project grant, UPEI hired Dr. Brendan Wright (speciality: modern political Korean history) as an Assistant Professor for a 4-month term, Jan.–Apr. 2023, to teach three courses on K. society, religion, and cinema (traditional and modern), in addition to offering four more sessional courses in the area of Korean language and modern Korean history and pop-culture. He has taught with good enrolment:

- 2201 Korean Society and Culture (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed with Hist 2090-2; 53 students in winter 2023)
- 2301 Korean Religions (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed as RS 2880; 57 students in winter 2023)
- 3301 Korean Cinema and Drama (3<sup>rd</sup>-year seminar or online; 17 students in 2023)

He also taught Modern Korean History (3<sup>rd</sup>-year lecture & seminar; c-listed as Hist 3090; 26 students) during the fall 2022 semester. In addition, Dr. Somi Lee (DEd in Sept. 2022), a popular KS professor, taught the following KS sessional courses with higher numbers during the fall 2022 semester:

- 1012 Introduction to Korean Language (1<sup>st</sup>-year lecture, c-listed with ML 1020; *online*; 85 students)
- 2201 Korean Civilization (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed with Hist 2090-1; 40 students)

As a regular sessional, Dr. Lee also taught:

- 2401 Media and Pop-Culture in South Korea (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture; *online* 115 students), her most popular sessional course during the winter 2023 semester.

The AST program has recently grown tremendously with the help of KS courses: a huge increase of 500–600% in its total enrolment from 100–110 ten years ago to estimated **660–680** for 2023–24. For details, see sec. 12-C (*Teaching and Funding for Asian Studies...and KS Courses*), p. 37.

- organizing and hosting international scholarly activities and events: annual KS speaker series and international conference at UPEI,<sup>17</sup> and
- scholarly research, presentation, and publication.

Thanks to this ongoing funding for UPEI's two KS projects, the project team and Dr. Chung are also maintaining a high reputation of *world-class* research and scholarship since Jan. 2023 as follows: 3 scholarly monograph manuscripts being prepared; 2 articles published; 2 book chapter articles (in two edited books); one international conference panel organized and chaired; and 6 international conference paper presentations.<sup>18</sup> In addition, Dr. Chung has recently made a significant accomplishment: a successful KS international conference on the mind and mind cultivation in K. philosophy and religion, hosted by UPEI, June 22–23, 2023; and a new book series contract with Palgrave MacMillan (Springer Nature), a leading international publisher (<https://www.palgrave.com/us>; <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/humanities>). He recently signed this agreement (Aug. 2023) with this famous publisher for an innovative series, Palgrave Studies in Korean Thought. He is its lead editor (with two co-editors), and its first launching books on the great thinkers, ideas, debates, and practical implications of K. Confucian thought are to be three monographs authored by Dr. Chung and his KS Lab research team's two colleagues (co-researchers as book writers).

Of course, the AKS, UPEI's partnership institution that has fully funded our KS Seed project, is very familiar and pleased with this highly productive record of Dr. Chung's KS projects' **international** research and publication endeavour. The AKS liked UPEI's annual reports on the progress and performance of these projects. This good track record also strongly fulfills the University's academic mission, goals, and strategic priorities in terms of research and scholarship, as specified in the *UPEI Centres Policy*, *UPEI Strategic Plan*, and *Strategic Research Plan (2023–2028)*.<sup>19</sup>

Accordingly, this overall outcome of UPEI's KS projects certainly empowers UPEI to establish the proposed Centre for Korean Studies this year. In fact, one *essential* part of our two ongoing KS Seed and Lab KS projects that the University and I have agreed with the AKS (i.e., signed project applications) is to create this Centre during the first (2022–23) or second year (2023–2024) of these projects. The AKS

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<sup>16</sup> As detailed in my annual reports to the AKS and in my internal quarterly reports to the VPAR, AVPR, and Dean of Arts, we have awarded Student Scholarship (\$1,200 each; 2 students selected in July 2023; based on the overall excellence of grade, class participation, and interest in the KS program). For Student Assistantship, we also hired and mentored two AST and KS students since the Fall 2022 semester as project and research assistants: 2-4 hours weekly. *For details, see sec. 12-D (Student Benefits and Opportunities), pp. 38–39.*

<sup>17</sup> We promoted and hosted another KS International Conference, June 22-23, 2023 and Korean and Asian Studies International Speaker Series (five times since March 2018. UPEI calendar of events:

<https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/05/postponed-may-2-same-time-and-location-2023-asian/korean-studies-international>

<https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/04/postponed-april-27-same-time-and-location-2023-asian/korean-studies-international>

Featured news headlines:

<https://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2023/04/upei-s-2023-korean-studies-international-speaker-series-presents-public>

Event photos (taken by the UPEI photographer): <https://upei-photography.smugmug.com/Private/n-rhkDRj/Events/Asian-Studies-Guest-Speakers/>; <https://upei-photography.smugmug.com/Private/n-rhkDRj/Events/2023/KS-International-Conference/>

(2023 KS Int'l Conference...). *For more, see sec. 12-B (International Scholarly Events), pp. 35–36, nn. 63, 65.*

<sup>18</sup> See sec. 12-A (Research and Publication), p. 34 and n. 61 for more on research and publication, 2023.

<sup>19</sup> For details, consult the *UPEI Centres Policy*, secs. 4.1 and 6.3; Appendix A, pp. 1, 10–11, *UPEI Strategic Plan*, pp. 6–7, 12–16; and *Strategic Research Plan*, sec. 2 (Introduction), p. 3, sec. 3 (Research Vision and Mission), p. 5, and sec. 7 (Fostering...Research Excellence), pp. 9–11.

will therefore enthusiastically consider funding the CKS,<sup>20</sup> which will enable us to continuously offer the KS component of Asian Studies and its various academic and international program, activities, and events at UPEI. *For further details, see section 10 (...External Funding and Financial Support), pp. 15–16.*

This research Centre at UPEI is the very first of its kind in the history of Eastern Canadian universities. In the coming years, it will flourish as a successful international Centre that promotes and produces world-class research, publication, conferences, speaker series lectures, interdisciplinary teaching support, student scholarship and research mentorship, international academic-cultural events, and so on. For the Faculty of Arts and other faculties at UPEI as well, the Centre will also reach out to certain faculty members of cognate or interested departments (ML, Hist, RS, Philosophy, Pol Sci, Economics, Music, Education, Business, etc.) for interdisciplinary research activities and events; this collaboration will include those who have kindly written their letters of support attached to this CKS proposal.

### 3. *Mission of the CKS*

This Centre promotes and supports Korean Asian Studies in the Faculty of Arts, UPEI with respect to

- research, publication, international scholarly conference and speaker series,
- KS teaching and course offering (term contract and sessional appointments),
- academic-cultural activities and events,
- student scholarship and research assistantship and mentorship,
- other new academic initiatives and opportunities, and
- local community outreach initiatives.

The Centre also develops a regional, national, and international network of research and academic collaboration with KS scholars and researchers at other universities in Canada, USA, Korea, and other parts of the world. This is to also be done in interdisciplinary consultation with them and UPEI Arts faculty and students who are interested in Korean and Asian Studies.

In short, our mission strongly supports UPEI’s mission and goals as specified in its Centres Policy, Strategic Plan, and new Strategic Research Plan (2022-2028).<sup>21</sup> For example, this CKS proposal strongly concurs with the University’s strategic framework that “the University is a community of scholars whose *primary* tasks are to teach and to learn, to engage in scholarship and research, and to offer service....” (UPEI Strategic Plan, p. 7). We are confident that the Centre’s research and scholarship endeavour will also facilitate the Strategic Research Plan’s priority to “increase the research intensiveness at UPEI and the University’s profile and prominence, locally, nationally and internationally.”<sup>22</sup>

### 4. *Functions*

- A. The CKS fosters the global enterprise of Korean and Asian Studies at UPEI in terms of excellent research, scholarship, and teaching, thereby promoting the cooperation and exchange of academic knowledge and practice around the world. It will follow the University’s vision and strategic priorities<sup>23</sup> by motivating UPEI faculty and students to participate in our innovative research activities

<sup>20</sup> During the spring 2025 semester, I will apply for a new bigger KS Strategic Research Institute Program for ten years (2025–35; \$1.2M). Since UPEI and I have developed an excellent reputation of KS research, scholarship, and teaching and a good working partnership with the AKS, we will likely get this funding to operate and sustain this Centre. *For details, see sec. 10 (Sustainability of the Centre: External Funding...), p. 16 and sec. 11 (A Detailed 12-Year Budget Plan), p. 17.*

<sup>21</sup> See n. 19.

<sup>22</sup> Citing the Strategic Research Plan (2023–2028), sec. 1 (Executive Summary), p. 3.

<sup>23</sup> See n. 19.



and international opportunities. This will be done in harmony with the UPEI centres policy and strategic plan documents. As the Centres Policy emphasizes, the Centre will contribute to “increasing the visibility of scholarly work...internationally” and “increasing the University’s ability to link research, education...” ( p. 1).

- B. The Centre’s primary function is to pursue **research** projects of international calibre and **publish** *world-class* books and articles in Korean and interdisciplinary Studies [especially philosophy, religion, ethics, and intellectual history and culture], which will help strengthen UPEI’s national and global reputation for scholarship. This function of the Centre will be funded externally by two ongoing KS Seed and Lab project grants until 2025 and then a new 10-year (2026–2035) KS international project grant from KSPS, the AKS. It nicely fits in with the UPEI Strategic Plan’s priority emphasis on “new [external] sources of funding” and “actively seek grant and funding opportunities.”<sup>24</sup> This and other primary functions of the proposed CKS will also satisfy the key objectives for establishing a research centre at UPEI. As the Strategic Research Plan points out, the Centre will therefore “expand...external partnerships that contribute to research and strengthen academic programs,” which is a key priority.<sup>25</sup>
- C. Another primary function is to continue funding and hosting international **conferences, seminars,** and **speaker** series lectures, none of which existed at UPEI and other Atlantic universities until March 2018. In this regard, we are confident that the Centre’s world-class role will promote what the Strategic Research Plan also calls “a strategic priority...[to] create or expand...events such as a faculty colloquia series...and symposia on thematic areas of research.”<sup>26</sup> This and other primary roles of the Centre are to be funded externally by the same KS project grants mentioned above in function B.

*For more relevant points on the Centre’s premier task on research and publication, see sec. 12-A (Research and Publication), pp. 33–34; for external funding sources, sec. 10, pp. 15–16.*

- D. For **KS teaching faculty,** course offering, and necessary budget in Korean Studies, the Centre will assist the University by providing the same international KS project grants mentioned above for function B. In this regard, the Centre also facilitates Asian Studies’ interdisciplinary collaboration with other Arts departments (ML, History, Pol Sci, RS, and possibly others in the future) participating in teaching and course cross-listing. This is another primary function of the Centre that complements the UPEI Centres Policy, according to which this Centre assists “in the funding, coordination, and/or delivery of undergraduate teaching programs.”<sup>27</sup> In addition, the interdisciplinary nature of the Centre embodies two key objectives for establishing a research centre at UPEI: “enhance scholarly collaboration” and “facilitate interdisciplinarity” (UPEI Centres Policy, p. 1).<sup>28</sup>

Like our research and scholarly endeavour, this primary role of the Centre will be funded externally, as mentioned above (function B).

*For other relevant points, see sec. 8-B (Academic Research Staffing), p. 13 and sec. 12-C (Teaching and Funding for Asian Studies and KS Courses), pp. 37–38.*

<sup>24</sup> UPEI Strategic Plan, priority 3 (“Scholarship, Research, and Discovery”), p. 14, and priority 5 (“Responsible Growth and Resource Management”), p. 16.

<sup>25</sup> Strategic Research Plan, sec. 7.3 (Strengthening Outreach and Partnerships), goal 1, p. 14.

<sup>26</sup> Strategic Research Plan, sec. 7.3, p. 14.

<sup>27</sup> See the UPEI Centres Policy, sec. 5.2 (Teaching Activities within Centres), p. 3.

<sup>28</sup> In this regard, the CKS supports two key priorities emphasized in the UPEI Strategic Plan as well: “make connections through...interdisciplinary opportunities” and “cultivate interdisciplinary and multi disciplinary research.” See priority 1 (Education for a Connected World), p. 12 and priority 3 (Scholarship, Research, and Discovery), p. 14.

- E. With respect to **student** benefits and opportunities, the CKS will continuously (1) support KS Student Scholarship (two or three annually) to assist KS/AST students academically and financially; (2) hire and mentor two student assistants annually for their research-related work experience; and (3) carry out international activities and academic-cultural events such as student workshops, movie evenings, Korean (or another Asian language) speech contests.

This particular role by the Centre is student-centered and certainly accords with the UPEI **Centres Policy** in terms of playing “an active role in the promotion, organization and support of teaching activities.”<sup>29</sup> It also facilitates and expands our students’ “experiential learning” opportunities together with campus internationalization, as emphasized in the UPEI Strategic Plan; in other words, the Centre will help us to enrich “our increasingly diverse and international student body” and “foster UPEI students’ global mindset... and cultural awareness.”<sup>30</sup> Furthermore, the Strategic Research Plan states, the Centre’s student-centered program welcomes “participation of undergraduate students in research activities led by faculty members.”<sup>31</sup>

These student benefits and opportunities—like the Centre’s research and teaching roles (functions 4A-D)—will continuously be funded externally by the AKS, as mentioned above (function B, p. 7).

Overall, these five functions of the CKS are very consistent with the UPEI Centres Policy because “the key criterion for the establishment and on-going operation of a Centre” is to give more values to “UPEI’s research, educational and/or outreach mission....”<sup>32</sup>

*For details on the Centre’s programs, activities, events, and initiatives, see also section 12 (pp. 33–40).*

## 5. Membership

In accordance with relevant guidelines specified in the UPEI Centres Policy and Appendix A,<sup>33</sup> the Centre’s core membership is represented by UPEI Arts faculty members who are interested in fostering Korean and Asian Studies and its global enterprise of research, teaching, scholarship, and academic service. In particular, it consists of:

- the Centre Director,
- six Arts faculty members who are currently members of the Asian Studies Committee, including the Centre Director. These six members of the Committee represent several Arts departments that support Korean/Asian Studies research and teaching, thereby promoting their interdisciplinary collaboration, and
- one faculty member on a term contract or a sessional instructor in Korean and Asian Studies.

<sup>29</sup> Quoted from the Centres Policy, sec. 5.2 (Teaching Activities within Centres), p. 3.

<sup>30</sup> See the UPEI Strategic Plan, priority 1 (Education for a Connected World): “promote more opportunities for students...to participate,” p. 12; priority 2 (Inclusive Campus Culture), p. 13; and priority 1, p. 12.

<sup>31</sup> Citing the Strategic Research Plan, sec. 7.2 (Strategic Objectives: Developing Talent for Impactful Research), goal 1, objective ii. It is also important to acknowledge that: “Research by faculty members... provides students with the most current and innovative thinking within their field of study” (p. 12).

<sup>32</sup> Centres Policy, sec. 4.1, p. 2.

<sup>33</sup> Centres Policy, sec. 6 (Establishment... of Centres) and sec. 7 (Management of Centres), pp. 4-5; and Appendix A, III (Structure of the Formal Proposal for Centre Status) and IV (Constitution/By-Laws), pp. 11, 14.

As the Centre's reputation grows with more funding, programs, activities, and initiatives, we shall open special membership to other UPEI faculty members of Arts and non-Arts departments and also guest (visiting) membership to international scholars from other universities in Korea and around the world. This may be done when recommended by the Director in consultation with the Centre Advisory Committee.

*For details on the structure and governance of the Centre and on selecting and appointing the Centre Director and Centre Advisory Committee, see the next section on the Centre's by-law.*

## 6. By-Laws

In accordance with all requirements and guidelines specified in the UPEI Centres Policy and its Appendix A (Procedures Governing the Establishment, Reporting & Review of Research Centres...),<sup>34</sup> the CKS shall be governed and managed properly, transparently, and successfully by the following by-laws:

**Name:** The Centre for Korean Studies (CKS)

**Location:** SDU Main 415, Faculty of Arts, UPEI

**Mission:**

The CKS promotes and supports Korean Asian Studies in the Faculty of Arts, UPEI with respect to international research, publication, and scholarly conference and speaker series; KS teaching, staffing, and course offering; academic-cultural activities and events; student scholarship, research assistantship and mentorship; new academic opportunities and challenges; and local community outreach initiatives. The Centre also develops a regional, national, and international network of research and academic collaboration with KS scholars and researchers at other universities in Canada, USA, Korea, and other parts of the world. This is to be done in interdisciplinary consultation with Arts and other faculty members and students who are interested in UPEI's Korean and Asian Studies regionally or internationally. In short, the Centre's mission follows UPEI's mission, goals, and priorities as specified in the UPEI Centres Policy, Strategic Plan, and Strategic Research Plan (2022–2028).

**Structure, Governance, and Management:**

In accordance with the Centres Policy: Appendix A-IV (Constitutions/By-Laws), the Centre

- a) is governed by “the pertinent regulations of the Senate,”
- b) “will maintain liaison with the University” according to “the procedures that are specified in its constitutions/by-laws,” and
- c) will submit its annual reports according to the specified regular schedule.

In accordance with the Centres Policy and Appendix A,<sup>35</sup> the Centre is structured and managed by the Centre Director and six members of the Centre Advisory Committee including the Director. These six Arts faculty members shall also be members of the Asian Studies Coordinating Committee.<sup>36</sup> All six members of the Advisory Committee have the voting rights.

<sup>34</sup> Centres Policy, sec. 6 (Establishment...of Centres) and sec. 7, pp. 4–5 and Appendix A-III, pp. 11, 14.

<sup>35</sup> Centres Policy, sec. 3 (Centre Director) and sec. 4 (Centre Advisory Committee), pp. 4–5, and Appendix A, sec. 7 (Management of Centres), p. 5.

<sup>36</sup> Current members of the Asian Studies Committee are Professors Edward Chung (Asian Studies Director; Religious Studies), Henry Srebrnik (Pol Sci), Scott Lee (Modern Languages), Ian Dowbiggin (History), and Peter Koritansky (RS, History, and Philosophy), and Richard Kurial (History; deceased and to be replaced).

### The Centre Director:

- is a tenured professor in the Faculty of Arts who is a Korean Studies expert with knowledge and experience in handling Asian Studies and international programs, projects, funding applications, and grant agreements;
- is selected within and from the Centre Advisory Committee, and this recommendation shall be submitted to the Dean of Arts, Associate Vice-President Research, and Vice-President Academic & Research;
- chairs the Centre Advisory Committee;
- develop international project applications and apply for their funding to appropriate funding institutes/agencies (AKS, Korea Foundation, etc.);
- leads and manages the Centre's daily business and ensures its by-laws, budget, programs, activities, and expenses are effectively executed according to the UPEI Centre Policy, guidelines, procedures, and practices;
- develops the Centre's new initiatives in consultation with the Advisory Committee,
- performs other duties as recommended or desired by the Centre Advisory Committee;
- prepares and submits annual reports (based on the official template attached to the UPEI Centres Policy, Appendix A-VII (pp. 19–26) to the Dean of Arts, Associate Vice-President Research, and Vice-President Academic & Research on Jan. 3 each year; and
- prepares and submits required documentation for the Centre's five-year review in preparation for each five year review cycle.

The Centre will be reviewed by the VPAR Advisory Review Committee (see Centre Policy, sec. 2.2.2), and a recommendation will be made at this time regarding the Centre and its leadership for the following five years.<sup>37</sup>

As per the UPEI Collective Agreement, the Centre Director who is a full-time faculty member of an academic department/program is entitled to teaching release time equivalent to one 3-hour credit course per year.

In accordance with the Centres Policy, Appendix A, the CKS Director's term will be a five-year period, "coincident with the period of approval of the Centre/Institute." The incumbent Director is "eligible for re-appointment for the following five year period, to a maximum of ten years."<sup>38</sup> Under exceptional circumstances, the incumbent Director will be eligible for three more years. See page 12 for details on selecting and appointing a Centre Director.

### The Centre Advisory Committee:

In accordance with the UPEI Centres Policy and Appendix A,<sup>39</sup> the Centre Advisory Committee:

- consists of six members including the Centre Director,
- meets twice a year: June 15 and December 15 (or more meeting if needed),
- is chaired by the Centre Director,
- records and keeps its meeting minutes,

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<sup>37</sup> The Centre's 5-year review process will follow the Centres Policy, sec. 8 (Reporting and Periodic Review), p. 5 and Appendix A, sec. 7 (Five Year review Procedures), pp. 6–7 and Appendix VI (General Guidelines for Conducting a Centre Review), pp. 17–18.

<sup>38</sup> According to the Centres Policy, Appendix A, sec. 3 (Centre Director), p. 4. Note that Dr. Edward Chung is to be recommended as the Founding Director of the CKS with the terms of reference and the appointment procedure indicated above.

<sup>39</sup> See sec. 7 (Management of Centres), p. 5 and Appendix A, sec. 4 (Centre Advisory Committee), p. 5.

- all six members of the Advisory Committee have their voting rights,
- works with the Director to ensure that the Centre’s programs, activities, and initiatives are successfully done according to its plan as well as the UPEI Centre Policy, guidelines, and procedures,<sup>40</sup>
- reviews the Centre’s year-end academic activity report and financial summary of “in-year revenues and expenditures, as well as a financial forecast for the Centre for the coming fiscal year,”<sup>41</sup>
- provides feedback, criticism, or support for the Centre,
- brings forward recommendations and suggestions to the Director, and
- discusses and approves the Centre’s new annual budget, activities, and initiatives in a timely manner that will allow for appropriate arrangements to be made,
- approves updated membership criteria and new members, and
- considers and recommend the expansion of the Centre when academically and financially possible.

#### Selection and Appointment of the Director

As restated in the UPEI Centres Policy, the Centre Director will “be appointed by the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of a Selection Committee...chaired by the Dean [his/her designate] to whom the Centre will report.”<sup>42</sup> The Selection Committee is established according to the UPEI Centres Policy.<sup>43</sup> This Committee consists of six voting members including the Dean of Arts (or his/her designate) who chairs the Committee, and its five other members shall be identical to the five current members of the Asian Studies Committee.

The Selection Committee’s recommendation together with the Dean of Arts’ endorsement is submitted to the Vice-President Academic and Research, and it should include “the reasons for the Committee’s recommendation and accompanied by the CV of the recommended Director,” as outlined in the UPEI Centres Policy.<sup>44</sup> This recommendation is communicated to the President and Board through the VPAR. An appointment letter shall be issued for the CKS Director’s 5-year term. The Director’s appointment will be for five years. The incumbent Director is “eligible for re-appointment for the following five-year period, to a maximum of ten years.”<sup>45</sup> Under exceptional circumstances, the incumbent Director will be eligible for three more years.

When the Director steps down before the end of his/her five-year term, an “Interim director” will be appointed in accordance with the UPEI Centres Policy and procedures.<sup>46</sup> A member of the Centre Advisory Committee will be recommended by the Committee to the Dean of Arts for the rest of the term and be approved by the Vice-President Academic and Research. During the fifth year, a new Director will be selected from and within the Centre Advisory Committee and appointed for a new five-year term by following the normal procedure as indicated above.

#### Establishment and Appointment of the Centre Advisory Committee

In accordance with the UPEI Centres Policy, the Centre Advisory Committee is appointed by “the VPAR on the recommendation of the Dean [of Arts].”<sup>47</sup> The Committee consists of six Arts

<sup>40</sup> See sec. 7 (Management of Centres), p. 5.

<sup>41</sup> According to the UPEI Centres Policy, Appendix A, sec. 4 (Centre Advisory Committee), p. 5.

<sup>42</sup> Centres Policy, sec. 7.2 (Management of Centres [regarding the Director]), p. 5.

<sup>43</sup> Centres Policy, sec. 7.2, p. 5.

<sup>44</sup> Centres Policy, Appendix A, sec. 3 (Centre Director), p. 4.

<sup>45</sup> Centres Policy, Appendix A, sec. 3, p. 4.

<sup>46</sup> Centres Policy, Appendix A, sec. 3 and IV (Constitutions/By-Laws), pp. 4, 14.

<sup>47</sup> Centres Policy, sec. 4 (Centre Advisory Committee), p. 5.



faculty members and shall be the same composition as the Asian Studies Coordinating Committee including the Coordinator. All six members of the Centre Advisory Committee shall have the voting rights. They are all six members of the Asian Studies Committee<sup>48</sup> who represent several Arts departments that support or participate in interdisciplinary teaching or course cross-listing.

## 7. *Liaison*

The CKS Director will ensure that all research, scholarly, and related programs, activities, and events of the Centre “operate in a manner consistent with University policies and procedures, and supportive of the positive reputation of the University.” The Director will also maintain effective communication with the Dean of Arts and VPAR, especially with respect to “media relations, visual identity, promotional materials, appeals for funds, staffing, and negotiations concerning contracts and grants from funding organizations.”<sup>49</sup>

## 8. *Staffing and Space Needs*

### A. Space and Facilities:

The Centre occupies an already-available space: SDU Main 415, an ideal location (convenient and readily available) in the Faculty of Arts building. This office is being used by AST instructors and KS-student assistants; it is already fully equipped and therefore ready to begin as the Centre. It has two desks, two chairs, a relatively new desktop with two monitors (which were purchased by the Korean Studies Seed Project), book cases, a filing cabinet, campus network and internet access, and so on. In addition, the second desktop computer is available there for student research and administrative assistants.

As before, regular office supplies and stationeries are provided by Asian Studies. Extra ones will be provided by the Centre’s own budget. We plan to provide a laptop (used or new) for the Centre’s on-campus academic activities and events such as international conference, speaker series seminar, student workshop, etc. In other words, *there will be no new/extra financial burden on UPEI*.

### B. Academic and Research Staffing:

#### i) *One Faculty Member in Korean Studies*

The Centre financially supports the Asian Studies programme to hire a faculty member in Korean Studies (preferably Humanities) on a term contract basis at an Assistant Professor or Lecturer level. When *external funding* (e.g., international Korean Studies grant) is available, the Centre will provide this faculty position yearly on a renewable contract basis (4-5 months). This KS professor will teach courses in Korean Studies each year and fulfill research, publication, and service contribution to KS project activities and events. All hiring will be done according to criteria, rules, and guidelines outlined in the UPEIFA Collective Agreement and the HR hiring policies and procedures.

#### ii) *One Post-doctoral Research Fellow*

The Centre can also consider enabling the University every two years to hire a post-doctoral fellow on a term contract for 4-5 months, subject to external funding availability. This fellow will perform research in KS and also contribute to research service (e.g., assist the Director in organizing conferences and speaker series, etc.). It is a good idea to mentor such a post-doc fellow. The Centre’s academic and research staffing will be fully funded externally through “new sources of

<sup>48</sup> See n. 36 for six current members of the Asian Studies Committee.

<sup>49</sup> Centres Policy, Appendix A, sec. 8 (Liaison), p. 7.

funding...”<sup>50</sup> which will be done in an innovative and appropriate way, as emphasized in the UPEI Strategic Plan 2018–2023.

*For more relevant points, see also sec. 10 (External Funding and Financial Support), pp. 15-16; and sec. 12-C (Teaching and Funding for Asian Studies and KS Courses), pp. 37-38.*

### **C. Student Administrative Assistant:**

The Centre plans to hire a well-qualified Korean/Asian Studies student as an assistant on a part-time basis for 4–8 hours weekly (at the current rate of UPEI’s undergraduate student wage). To assist the Director in handling the Centre’s daily office work: paperwork, computing, e-mailing, filing, events and activities organizing, etc.). This will be done according to the University’s HR hiring rules and guidelines. What a wonderful idea to hire and mentor a UPEI student for this kind of professional academic work experience! This certainly resonates with the UPEI Strategic Plan, especially its emphasis on increasing experiential learning opportunities and experiences.<sup>51</sup>

### **D. Student Research Assistant:**

The Centre’s external funding will also support an outstanding student in Korean/Asian Studies as a research assistant for 4–8 hours weekly (at the current or higher rate of UPEI’s student wage). To assist the Director’s or KS professor’s research work, the Centre’s scholarly activities and events, and related work. This is another great idea for mentoring a student in research activity experience. This certainly supports UPEI Strategic Plan’s emphasis on the key theme of expanding/enriching our students’ “experiential learning” and their international research experience.

The Centre’s external funding will cover wage expenses for both student assistants. In other words, *there will be no new/extra financial burden on UPEI.*

The Centre will also follow all of the Collective Agreement and UPEI’s Human Resources policies. Procedures, and guidelines regarding hiring, faculty/staff review, budgeting, accounting, and so on.

*For other relevant points, see also sec. 10 (...External Funding and Financial Support), pp. 15-16 and sec. 12-D (Programs, Activities...: Student Benefits and Opportunities), pp. 38–39.*

## **9. Other Requirements**

None: No further need for space or staffing. No more demands on office furniture and facilities, computing, networking, or other university services; the Asian Studies Program and Korean Studies Program project have efficiently managed these in-kind support items so far. Therefore, no new or special needs are necessary in SDU Main 415, a convenient and readily-available candidate for the CKS office in the SDU Main building, Faculty of Arts; in other words, *there will be no new/extra financial/budgetary burden on UPEI.*

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<sup>50</sup> UPEI Strategic Plan, priority 3 (Scholarship, Research, and Discovery), p 14; priority 5 (Responsible Growth and Resource Management), p. 16. In this regard, the CKS will also helps to “strengthen University partnerships with funders” (priority 3), p. 14.

<sup>51</sup> It is becoming more important to “promote more opportunities for students...” and “develop to their full potential in both the classroom and the community” (UPEI Strategic Plan, priority 1 [Education for a Connected World], pp. 12, .3).

## 10. Sustainability of the Centre: External Funding and Financial Support

The CKS shall be governed and managed by the University according to its *Centres Policy*, the Centre’s By-laws, and other relevant university rules and guidelines. No external parties will interfere with the Centre’s mission, structure, by-laws, management, and functions.

Although the Centre is to be mostly funded *externally*, UPEI will exercise its “overarching principles” and rights, including academic freedom, intellectual property, publication rights, support of students, and so forth. In this regard, the UPEI Collective Agreement should also be followed.

In accordance with the UPEI Centres Policy,<sup>52</sup> we will endure the following aspects of the Centre’s funding, budgeting, and financial support:

- The Director seeks new external sources of funding and grant opportunities.
- The Director annually develops a budgetary list of staffing needs, research activities, international events, student academic and cultural activities, and their expected expenses.
- The Centre undertakes all supported programs, activities, events, and expenditures.
- Unspent monies in any given year will automatically roll over to the next fiscal year.
- No member of the Centre who is a faculty member of an academic Department/Program will receive any personal remuneration from the Centre at any time.
- All UPEI administrative and financial policies, rules, and guidelines will be followed.

As explained in section 4-C and E (Functions, pp. 4–5) and section 8-B and D (Staffing, pp. 11–12), budgetary support for the Centre’s primary roles and activities—especially those to promote and carry out research and publication, international scholarly events, KS teaching and staffing, student scholarship and research work, and student-centered activities—will mostly be funded externally by multi-year international KS project grants. In this regard, the CKS will closely follow the UPEI Centre Policy<sup>53</sup> and UPEI Strategic Plan<sup>54</sup> by seeking external project grants.

Dr. Edward Chung already has brought in 2 major international KS project grants since fall 2022, both of which were awarded by international KSPS (Korean Studies Promotions Services), the AKS (Academy of Korean Studies), Ministry of Education, Korea:

- the second (*renewed*) 3-year KS Seed Program project grant (July 1, 2022–June 31, 2025; about \$320,000) and
- a new KS Lab Program for publication project grant (Sept. 1, 2022–Aug. 31, 2025; \$311,850 wired to UPEI on Dec. 15, 2022).

Many thanks to these new grants since the Fall 2022 semester, we are advancing the KS project successfully in terms of continuously funding (1) KS scholarly research, presentation, and publication, (2) KS course teaching, (3) a term-contract position and several sessionals in AST, (4) student scholarship and research assistant mentorship, (5) international scholarly events such as annual KS Speaker Series and International conference at UPEI, and etc.

**With respect to funding, there will be no new or extra financial burden on UPEI at all.** Here is why. When the CKS is established and begins its operation—hopefully by Jan. or Feb. 2024—it will be funded *externally* by UPEI’s two *ongoing* KS project grants that are already available with Dr. Edward Chung’s KS Seed Program project and KS Lab Publication Program project. The combined total amount

<sup>52</sup> See Appendix A, III, sec. 8 (Five Year Budget), p. 12 and sec. 9 (Financing and Support), p. 13.

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*, sec. 9 (Financing and Support), p. 13.

<sup>54</sup> UPEI Strategic Plan, priority 3 (Scholarship, Research, and Discovery), p. 14, and priority 5 (“Responsible Growth and Resource Management”), p. 16.

of these two projects' **available budget** is about **\$445,979**<sup>55</sup> which will fully and easily support the Centre's operation expenses during its first two years until Aug. 31, 2025.

For the following ten years (2026–35) from the fall 2025 semester or January 2026, the Centre is to be **externally funded** again by two major KS program grants:

- a new ten-year Korean Studies Strategic Research Institute Program grant offered by KSPS: a bigger and longer grant **\$M1.2** for a 10-year (2026–2035) KS Strategic Research project at UPEI *and*
- a *renewable* (based on project performance) 3-year KS Lab Program grant offered by KSPS: about **\$330,000** in total (\$110,000 per year) for a research and publication (3 books) project.

Dr. Chung is strongly committed to applying for both project grants during spring 2025. We are confident that we will get both grants after establishing the CKS first. In fact, an *established* Centre is the most important criterion *required* for submitting a successful KS Strategic Research Institute Program (SRIP) application because under the AKS Program Guidelines, it is the Centre that executes an SRIP project. Another key criterion—which UPEI *already* has for several years with a great reputation (the AKS is fully familiar with it)—is an ongoing KS program for teaching, international scholarly events, and students activities. We would also have completed two ongoing KS projects (including the KS Lab publication project ) very successfully by September 2025. We are therefore very confident that these criteria including the *established* CKS at UPEI this year will enable UPEI and Dr. Chung to be in our best position to secure those two grants mentioned above. The AKS will be impressed and pleased to fund us again with bigger and longer grants for the CKS at UPEI also because they know that we have developed an outstanding reputation of Korean Asian Studies teaching, research, and scholarship and continuously maintain a great partner relationship with them.

In fact, one essential part of our ongoing KS Seed and Lab projects that UPEI and Dr. Chung have agreed with the AKS (i.e., signed project application and grant agreement) is to create this Centre during the first (2022-23) or second year (2023-24) of both projects. The AKS is very interested in supporting UPEI's commitment and plan to establish the CKS, the first of its kind, in Eastern Canada—in competition with UBC's CKS and UofT's CKS—one that will serve as a major *international* network of research, scholarship, and education in collaboration with other KS/Asian Studies scholars and research centers in N. America and around the world.

This bold plan definitely fits in with the UPEI Strategic Plan's priority emphasis on “new [external] sources of funding” and “actively seek grant and funding opportunities.”<sup>56</sup> It also nicely fulfills a key strategic priority in the Strategic Research Plan that: “expand engagement among external partnerships that contribute to research and strengthen academic programs.”<sup>57</sup> If we happen to receive other international funding from Japan, China, or another Asian country in the future, we will expand the Centre's structure, membership, programs, and activities with respect to Japanese Studies, Chinese Studies, Southeast Asian Studies and so on. When recommended by the Director in consultation with the Advisory Committee, this may be done according to our updated mission, roles, and interests.

The next section presents the Centre's estimated, tentative 12-year budget.

<sup>55</sup> Dr. Chung's 3-year KS Seed Program project budget currently has a balance of \$177,400 available for 2024 and 2025; in addition, his 3-year KS Lab Program publication project has its balance of \$269,579 for 2024–2025 (Lab project's total \$311,850 was wired to UPEI on Dec. 15, 2022). The combined total amount is therefore \$445,979 (\$177,400 [Seed project's balance] + \$268,579 [Lab project's...]) is available to fund the Centre's overall operation expenses during 2024–2025, including KS research, publication activities, teaching staff and student assistant, international conferences, speaker series, student scholarship, and academic-cultural events.

<sup>56</sup> See the UPEI Strategic Plan, priority 3, p. 14, and priority 5, p. 16.

<sup>57</sup> Citing the Strategic Research Plan, sec. 7.3 (Strengthening... and Partnerships: goal 1), p. 14.

## 11. A Detailed 12-Year Budget Plan for the CKS (tentative and estimated)

In accordance with the UPEI *Centres Policy* Appendix A-III,<sup>58</sup> here is an estimated tentative budget plan: to be funded by two ongoing KS project grants (current balance: \$478,983 ) during 2024 and 2025 and then very likely by two longer and bigger international grants such as \$1.2M for a “KS Strategic Research Institute Program” grant and the KS Lab (Publication) Program by KSPS, the AKS (see . 16 for details on this funding info).

### Twelve Years: Jan. 1, 2024–Dec. 31, 2035 (estimated)

#### **Total budget = CA\$ 1,973,979**

- available with two ongoing projects<sup>59</sup>: \$445,979 (\$204,547 for year 1 + \$241,432 for year 2) 2024–2025
- to be secured/received for 2025–2034: \$1,200,000 (KS Strategic Research Institute Program grant)
- to be secured/received for 2025–2034: \$333,000 (KS Lab Publication Program grant)

This means that:

- Year 1 (2024) budget (estimated) for the Centre: \$204,547
- Year 2 (2025) budget (estimated) for the Centre: \$241,432
- Year 3–12 (estimated): \$1.53M in total with the CKS’s new funding as indicated above.  
Jan. 1, 2026–Aug. 31, 2035.

As indicated below, each of years 3–12 will get its total amount ranging from \$210,000 to \$250,000.

*For more details on two ongoing grants as well as the potential application success for KS Strategic Research Institute Program funding and KS Lab Program funding, see the foregoing section (Sustainability of the Centre: External Funding ....), pp. 15–16.*

#### **A Quick List of Yearly Budgets:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> year (2024) = \$204,547
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year (2025) = \$241,432
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year (2026) = \$210,000
- 4<sup>th</sup> year (2027) = \$215,000
- 5<sup>th</sup> year (2028) = \$220,000
- 6<sup>th</sup> year (2029) = \$225,000
- 7<sup>th</sup> year (2030) = \$230,000
- 8<sup>th</sup> year (2031) = \$230,000
- 9<sup>th</sup> year (2032) = \$235,000
- 10<sup>th</sup> year (2033) = \$240,000
- 11<sup>th</sup> year (2034) = \$245,000
- 12<sup>th</sup> year (2035) = \$250,000

*Note that each of the first two years [2024 and 2025] has a good existing available budget for of the Centre’s start-up cost and establishing operation expenses with the help of a sufficient combined total of two ongoing KS projects’ available grants (as indicated above).*

*From 2027 to 2035, the Centre’s annual budget of \$210,000 in 2026 with combined two new grants is anticipated to increase by \$5,000 (up to 5%) every year due to higher personnel salary/wage and persistent inflation causing higher cost for all budgetary items including travel and research research activities. During 2026–2035, each year’s total annual budget (ranging from \$210,000 to \$250,000 will be more than sufficient for the Centre to support all of its academic, research, and scholarly functions and activities that were performed during Years 1 and 2.*

<sup>58</sup> See Appendix III (Structure of the Formal Proposal for Centre Status), sec. 8 (Five-Year Budget), p. 12.

<sup>59</sup> KS Seed project budget’s current balance for 2024–2025: \$177,400

KS Lab publication project’s current balance for 2024–2025: \$268,579

The combined total amount available for the Centre is therefore \$445,979 for 2024–2025. For details, see n. 55 above.



**Year 1 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2024) Budget for the CKS: \$204,547**

<b><u>Budget Item</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Explanation</u></b>	<b><u>Note</u> project affiliation and budget</b>
KS Personnel Staffing	<i>see below</i>	salary, fringe and insurance benefits, etc.	
Personnel: KS Teaching Staffing Support:	\$32,977	To hire a 4-month term prof to teach 3 KS courses during the winter 2024 semester <i>or</i> preferably 2-3 sessional instructors to teach <i>four</i> (4) KS courses, Winter and Summer (June) 2024 semesters. The Centre's KS teaching support for the Asian Studies Program.	funded by KS Seed project
Personnel: Three Sessional Budget	\$23,500	for the Centre Director's teaching reduction. One for a KS course and two RS courses. To allow the Director more time and energy to efficiently mount and operate the new Centre while carrying out two ongoing KS projects simultaneously, which require a tremendous amount of academic and administrative work...	... by KS Seed project budget (1 sessional) and KS Lab (2 sessionals) <i>combined</i>
Personnel: Two Student Assistants:	\$4,140	Two excellent students in KS or AST to work weekly in the Centre office (Main 415): \$2,140 to hire and mentor one student assisting the Centre Director and other project participants with research, publication, and scholarly activities. And \$2,000 for another student assistant to look after office work and paperwork in the Centre (Main 415) and to assist the Director and KS instructors with weekly administrative work. <i>Both assistants also help KS project activities and international events.</i> Each assistant works 3-8 hours weekly at the UPEI student wage, \$16 per hour. Total 260 hours for 35 weeks for both assistants.	... by KS Seed project budget (1 assistant) and KS Lab ... (1 assistant) <i>combined</i>
Personnel: Admin Assistant (AST, Phil. PS, RS)	\$700	for her extra help in to help the Director with UPEI paper and admin work regarding international events such as hosting KS Speaker Series and UPEI's 2024 KS International Conference on Korean Confucianism and Global Perspectives, June 20-21.	funded by both Seed and Lab project budgets combined
External Contract Budget Fee for Service	\$24,000	Book Manuscript writing fee for two project collaborators (American professor-scholars in KS). Each collaborating co-researcher as a book manuscript writer has this formal contract with UPEI: \$12,000 per year for book manuscript writing.	acc. to KS Lab project budget <i>KSPS recommended and agreed to this FFS...</i>
Student Scholarship:	\$3,600	\$ 3,600 for 3 scholarships annually for 3 outstanding students in Korean Asian Studies: \$1,200 each. Chosen and awarded in May or June each year. <i>Criteria: Two best well-rounded students who have completed two or more KS courses and have an excellent combination of grade, class participation, and attendance, together with have a strong interest in Korean and Asian Studies.</i> <i>re: UPEI KS Scholarship and Internal Scholarship Guiding Document (UPEI Student Awards, Scholarships, and Financial Aid).</i>	funded by KS Seed project budget
<u>Student Activities:</u> KS Orientation Workshop	\$700	For one or two semester student workshops with KS Director, professors, and staff: to inform and promote AST/KS curriculum, courses, and events among UPEI students - with lunch refreshments (with K. food and beverages).	funded by KS Seed project budget
<u>Student Activities:</u> Movie Evening	\$247	One Movie Evening: show an award-winning, top Korean/Asian movie to students and others, as we did successfully for the Beginner's Seed program in Oct. 19, 2018..., and Jan. 29, 2019. With pizza, popcorn, and soft drinks. A popular student-centred activity to promote UPEI's AST program and UPEI campus internationalization.	... KS Seed project budget

KS International Conference	\$45,800	<p>Organize and host the 2024 <u>KS Lab International Conference at UPEI</u>. Its tentative general theme is “Confucian Humanism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Korean, Comparative, and Contemporary reflections,” UPEI, June 20–21 (or 27–28), 2024.</p> <p>5 group panels and 15-18 papers will be organized for 2 full days. Prominent, established, and promising scholars in Canada, USA, Korea, Japan, China, and Europe—who specialize in Korean Confucian studies (philosophy, religion, culture, and intellectual history)—will be solicited to submit paper proposals. Good ones will be invited for presentation.</p> <p><i>Will be done through my established int’l consultation with APA (American Philosophical Association (a large and prestigious society of philosophy in the world)–NAKPA (N. American Korean Philosophers Association) and AAR (American Academy of Religion; the world’s most famous society of religious studies)–KRG (Korean Religions Group).</i></p> <p>This conference, like UPEI’s 2018 and 2023 KS conferences, will support all invited presenters by covering their travel expenses for airfare (full or partial), conference hotel accommodation, all conference meals, and a group bus tour of PEI (on the second day after the conference). No registration fee.</p> <p>Promotional conference posters and a conference program with all abstracts and papers will be printed, distributed, and/or posted; similar to those for the 2023 KS International Conference which I organized and hosted at UPEI: see the latest calendar of events <a href="https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/06/2023-asian-studies-international-conference-mind-and-mind-cultivation-korean">https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/06/2023-asian-studies-international-conference-mind-and-mind-cultivation-korean</a>, and two poster and program links: <a href="https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_2023.pdf">https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_2023.pdf</a> and the conference program <a href="https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_program_2023.pdf">https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_program_2023.pdf</a></p>	all funded by KS Lab project budget
Project Team’s International Conference Session	\$6,000	<p>For an international conference by the Director’s project team at an APA conference (NY, Jan. 2024) or a special seminar presentation at UPEI campus, April 2024.</p> <p>Present the ongoing result of the Lab project team’s book manuscript writing on “The Great Korean Confucian Thinkers: Ideas, Issues, and Practical and Contemporary Implications.”</p>	<i>see above</i>
Research Travel	\$25,627	<p>For Dr. Chung’s travel expenses for research activities and topics. Airfare, hotel or university residence (if available) accommodation, transportation, meals, buying books, research-related things (e.g., computer peripherals), etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research travel (3-4 weeks) to Korea and Univ. of Toronto, a leading Canadian university where the best KS (or E. Asian) library is available with classical and modern sources in East Asian and Western languages.</li> <li>• to attend major scholarly conferences, meetings, etc.</li> </ul>	funded by KS Seed and Lab project budgets combined
Publication Cost	\$2,000	<p>Support the journal’s or book publisher’s peer-review expense. To publish UPEI’s KS 2024 international conference papers (those selected for revision) on the conference theme (<i>see above</i>) in an edited book through Palgrave Macmillan’s (a leading international publisher) new book series, Palgrave Studies in Korean Thought (Dr. Chung is the series editor).</p> <p><i>We will do like what I did good for UPEI’s 2018 International Conference “Good and Evil in Korean Philosophy and Religion,” June 14-15, 2018 (very first of its kind in Atlantic Canada). We selected 5 best papers and submitted their revised versions to the international journal of Acta Koreana for peer review. These articles were published in its special theme issue (Dec. 2019, which I guest-edited: Acta Koreana, vol. 22, no. 2 (Dec. 2019).</i></p>	KS Lab project

Research Allowance	\$8,747	For Director and others such as KS professor and Dr. Chung's Lab project team's co-researchers (book manuscript writers). KSPS-AKS allows up to CA\$380 per month for the Director <u>and</u> other CA\$380 per month for other book writers. • The KS Lab project team's travel and attendance at the annual international conferences of APA or AAR (in NY, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Montreal, etc.). • Or buy books, computer peripherals (such as a monitor, printer, etc.), or research-related things.	... by KS Seed and Lab project budgets <i>combined</i>
Committee Meetings	\$1,700	3 meetings annually: Centre Director, KS profs, Asian Studies Committee and the Centre's Advisory Committee to discuss and promote Korean Studies teaching, research, publication, and project activities - with lunch or dinner.	funded by KS Seed and Lab project budgets <i>combined</i>
Support for UPEI Library's KS books	\$3,400	The UPEI Library to purchase KS books and e-books and support 7 new KS courses. For student research and library books.	funded by KS Seed project
KS books for the Centre	\$1,600	To buy new books for the CKS in the areas of Korean history, philosophy, religion, culture, and comparative religion. 25 books x \$70-90 per book (including sale taxes).	.... by KS Lab project
KS Teaching Material	\$633	To develop or buy teaching and learning material (online and non-online). For the KS expert prof., sessional instructors, and collaborative researchers.	... by KS Seed project
Equipment I: laptop computer	\$4,746	For Director, Dr. E. Chung. A much-needed new Dell laptop computer for project activities and his productive research travel work. A good, powerful Dell XPS with a fast processor, enough memory, graphic card, fast Wi-Fi card etc.	... by KS Lab project
Equipment II:	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by AST, UPEI for the Centre's office, Main 415 that already has two desktop computers for the KS professor's or sessionals' teaching and daily computing needs. For student assistants' work in the Centre as well. <i>No new or extra budgetary support by UPEI.</i>	<i>already available Main 415, UPEI</i>
Office facilities and supplies:	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by AST, UPEI: exiting furniture, office facilities, network, etc. are available for and provided by Asian Studies and UPEI. Regular stationeries (envelopes, papers, folders, pens, etc.) for the Centre office, Main 415. <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available Main 415, UPEI</i>
Photocopying	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by Asian Studies. The Centre's some photocopying for administrative paperwork and filing.... Available in the AST (and RS, PS, Phil) department office (Main 508). <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available UPEI</i>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$190,117</b>		
Indirect Overhead for UPEI	\$14,430 for year 2024	<i>Less than 10% is allowed by our funding partner (KSPS, AKS) for each year acc. the KS Lab project agreement which was already signed by the AKS, UPEI, and Dr. Chung. This overhead is automatically deducted and directly goes to UPEI's operating budget.</i>	taken from KS Seed and Lab project grants <i>combined</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$204,547</b>	<i>Note that the first year (2024) of the Centre naturally has a bigger budget because of its expected cost for its start-up and establishing operation expenses such as a costly international conference, research, and other operation activities with the help of a larger combined total of UPEI's <u>two</u> ongoing KS projects' available grants.</i>	This existing budget is very sufficient to establish the CKS and begin it from the early winter 2024 semester.

**Note: All budgetary items are externally funded: no new/extra financial burden on UPEI.** Non-salary budgetary items listed above will also be flexible due to unexpected or changing needs and expenses as the Centre operates; accordingly, we can certainly make some adjustment here and there.

**Year 2 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2025) Budget for the CKS: \$241,432**

<b><u>Budget Item</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Explanation</u></b>	<b><u>Note project affiliation and budget</u></b>
KS Personnel Staffing	<i>see below</i>	salary, fringe and insurance benefits, etc.	
Personnel: KS Teaching Staffing Support	\$48,941	To hire a 4-month term contract prof to teach 3 KS courses during the winter 2025 semester and hire 2 sessional instructors to teach two (2) more KS courses in the Summer (June) 2025 semesters. The Centre supports Koran and Asian teaching and courses.	funded by KS Seed project budget
Personnel: Four Sessional Budget	\$29,600	Hire a KS sessional to teach one more (7 <sup>th</sup> ) KS course during the summer 2025 semester. And 3 RS sessional courses for the project and Centre Director's teaching reduction. To allow the Director enough time and energy to successfully operate the new Centre while carrying out two ongoing KS projects simultaneously and preparing two KS projects' required final reports to the AKS for final evaluation (very important), all of which require a tremendous amount of academic and administrative work....	... by KS Seed project budget (1 sessional) and KS Lab (2 sessionals) combined
Personnel: Two Student Assistants:	\$4,840	Two excellent students in KS or AST to work weekly in the Centre office (Main 415): \$2,140 to hire and mentor one student for assisting the Centre Director and other project participants with research, publication, and scholarly activities. \$2,000 for another student assistant to look after office paperwork in the Centre (Main 415) and to help the Director and KS instructors with weekly administrative activities. Both assistants also help KS project activities and international events.  Each assistant works 3-8 hours weekly at the UPEI student wage, \$16 per hour. Total 260 hours for 35 weeks for both assistants.	... by KS Seed project budget (1 assistant) and KS Lab ... (1 assistant) combined
External Contract Budget Fee for Service	\$24,000	Book Manuscript writing fee for two project collaborators (American professor-scholars in KS). Each collaborating co-researcher as a book manuscript writer has this formal contract with UPEI: \$12,000 per year for each book manuscript writing.	acc. to KS Lab project budget KSPS recommended and agreed to this FFS...
Student Scholarship:	\$3,600	\$ 3,600 for 3 scholarships annually for 3 outstanding students in Korean Asian Studies: \$1,200 each. Chosen and awarded in May or June each year. <u>Criteria:</u> Two best well-rounded students who have completed two or more KS courses and have an excellent combination of grade, class participation, and attendance, together with have a strong interest in Korean and Asian Studies. <u>re:</u> UPEI KS Scholarship and Internal Scholarship Guiding Document (UPEI Student Awards, Scholarships, and Financial Aid).	funded by KS Seed project budget
Student Activities: KS Orientation Workshop	\$800	For 2 semester student workshops with KS Director, professors, and staff: to inform and promote KS curriculum, courses, and events among UPEI students - with lunch refreshments and beverages.	funded by KS Seed project budget
Student Activities: Movie Evening	\$300	one Movie Evening: show an award-winning top Korean/Asian movie to students and others, as we did successfully for the Beginner's Seed program in Oct. 19, 2018..., and Jan. 29, 2019. With pizza, popcorn, and soft drinks. A popular student-centred activity to promote UPEI's AST program and UPEI campus internationalization.	... KS Seed project budget

Student Activities: Korean Speech Contest	\$1,200	\$1,200 for UPEI's Korean Speech Contest is <i>the very first of its kind</i> at UPEI and at all other Atlantic Canadian universities! My KS Seed project this event successfully in 2019. Three students are to be selected for three prizes: 1 <sup>st</sup> prize - \$500 scholarship; 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize - \$300 scholarship; and 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize - \$200.	funded by KS Seed project budget
KS International Speaker Series Seminar	\$8,500	Two KS international Speaker Series lectures at UPEI: one (\$4,000) for the KS Seed project, and the other (\$4,500) for the Lab project. Invited special talk on two highly important or engaging Korean topics on philosophy, religion, or intellectual history/culture. For students and professors including Asian Studies people at UPEI. Invite two of the world's renowned scholars from leading American and Canadian university (e.g., Harvard, Columbia U., Chicago, UCLA, Berkeley, UBC, UofT, etc.). <i>Covers all expenses for airfare (including business class if necessary), hotel accommodation, airport taxi, meals, and an honorarium (max. \$500-1,200).</i>	funded by KS Seed and Lab project budgets combined
Project Team's International Conference Session	\$4,500	For an international conference or seminar presentation by the Director's project team at an APA conference (NY, Jan. 2025), UPEI campus, or elsewhere. To present the ongoing result of my Lab project team's book manuscript writing on "The Great Korean Confucian Thinkers: Ideas, Issues, and Practical and Contemporary Implications." Or one special talk to be presented to UPEI faculty and students including those in humanities and social sciences. In Oct/Nov 2023.	KS Lab project
Research Travel	\$18,000	For Dr. Chung's travel expenses for research activities and topics. Airfare, hotel, or university residence (if available) accommodation, transportation, meals, buying books, research-related things (e.g., computer peripherals), etc. • Research travel (4-5 weeks) to Korea and Univ. of Toronto, a leading Canadian university where the best KS (or E. Asian) library is available with classical and modern sources in East Asian and Western languages. • to attend major scholarly conferences, meetings, etc.	KS Seed and Lab project budgets combined
Publication Cost	\$10,981	\$2,981 from the KS Seed project to support the journal's peer-review expense for publishing UPEI's KS 2024 international conference papers (7-8 good ones selected for revision) in an international journal of KS. \$8,000 from the KS Lab project: for professional proofreading and copyediting 3 book manuscripts for review and publication consideration. These books manuscripts are being prepared by Dr. Chung and his project team's two collaborating book writers ("co-researchers"). This publication is required by the Lab project agreement.	KS Seed and Lab project budgets combined
Publication Cost for OA (Open Access) Books Publication	\$54,270	Total \$54,270 for publishing three monographs authored by Dr. Chung and his Lab project team's two American co-researchers (book writers) through Palgrave Macmillan's (Springer Nature) innovative OA (Open Access) publishing: pre-paid fees for OA preparation, proofreading, copyediting, online managing, etc. for lifetime. <i>Hardcover versions are also published.</i> About \$18,979 (including tax) per average-length book. Total \$54,270 for 3 monograph books; to be charged by Palgrave Macmillan, a leading international publisher. This budget and research allowance (see below) budget also cover Palgrave Macmillan's peer-review expenses for book proposals and manuscripts.  <i>Note: I am the editor of this new book series and have a recently signed its contract agreement (Aug. 2023) with this famous publisher for an innovative book series, <u>Palgrave Studies in Korean Thought</u>. Its first launching books on the great ideas, debates, issues, and practical implications of K. Confucian thought are proposed to be three monographs authored by Director Dr. Chung and his two American colleagues (co-researchers).</i>	KS Lab project  <i>OA fees: publication through powerful open access for free online reading and downloading by everyone at anytime from anywhere in the world. Great for the global promotion of these and other KS books in the PSKT series.</i>



Research Allowance	\$8,000	For Director, KS professor, and Dr. Chung's Lab project team's co-researchers (book manuscript writers). KSPS-AKS allows up to CA\$380 per month for the Director <u>and</u> other CA\$380 per month for other book writers. • The KS Lab project team's travel and attendance at the annual int'l conferences of APA or AAR (in NY, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Montreal, etc.). • Or buy books, computer peripherals (such as a monitor, printer, etc.), or research-related things.	funded by KS Seed and Lab project budgets <i>combined</i>
Committee Meetings	\$1,701	3 meetings annually: Centre Director, KS profs, Asian Studies Committee and the Centre's Advisory Committee in order to discuss and promote Korean Studies teaching, research, publication, and project activities - with lunch or dinner.	funded by KS Seed and Lab project budgets <i>combined</i>
Support for UPEI Library's KS books	\$3,400	The UPEI Library to purchase KS books and e-books and support 7 new KS courses. For student research and library books.	funded by KS Seed project
KS books for the Centre	\$1,010	To buy new books for the CKS in the areas of Korean history, religion, philosophy, culture, and comparative religion. 25 books x \$70-90 per book (including sale taxes).	.... by KS Lab project
KS Teaching Material	\$444	To develop or buy teaching and learning material (online and non-online). For the KS expert prof., sessional instructors, and collaborative researchers.	... by KS Seed project
Equipment:	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by AST, UPEI for the Centre's office, Main 415 that already has two desktop computers for the KS professor's or sessionals' teaching and daily computing needs. For student assistants' work in the Centre as well. <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available Main 415, UPEI</i>
Office facilities and supplies:	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by UPEI: exiting furniture, office facilities, network, etc. are available for and provided by Asian Studies and UPEI. Regular stationeries (envelopes, papers, folders, pens, etc.) for the Centre office, Main 415. <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available Main 415, UPEI</i>
Photocopying	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by Asian Studies. The Centre's some photocopying for administrative paperwork and filing.... Available in the AST (and RS, PS, Phil) department office (Main 508). <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available UPEI</i>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$224,087</b>		
Indirect Overhead for UPEI	\$17,345 for year 2024	<i>Less than 10% is allowed by our funding partner (KSPS, AKS) for each year acc. the KS Lab project agreement which was already signed by the AKS, UPEI, and Dr. Chung. This overhead is automatically deducted and directly goes to UPEI's operating budget.</i>	taken from KS Seed and Lab project grants <i>combined</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$241,432</b>	<i>Note that the Centre's second year (2025) naturally has a bigger budget because of its expected cost for its active and establishing operation expenses such as costly KS teaching staffing support, external contract budget, OA publication, and other operation activities with the help of a larger combined total of UPEI's <u>two</u> ongoing KS projects' available grants.</i>	<i>This available budget is more than enough to continue operating the CKS successfully in 2025.</i>

Note: All budgetary items are *externally funded*: no new/extra financial burden on UPEI. Non-salary budgetary items listed above will also be flexible due to unexpected or changing needs and expenses as the Centre operates; accordingly, we can certainly make some adjustment here and there.

**Year 3 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2026) Budget for the CKS: \$210,000**

<b><u>Budget Item</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Explanation</u></b>	<b><u>Note project affiliation and budget</u></b>
KS Personnel Staffing	<i>see below</i>	salary, fringe and insurance benefits, etc.	
Personnel: KS Teaching <i>Term contract</i>	\$34,000	To hire a 4-month term prof to teach 3 KS courses during the winter 2024 semester <i>or</i> preferably 2-3 sessional instructors to teach <i>four</i> (4) KS courses, Winter and Summer (June) 2024 semesters. The Centre's KS teaching support for the Asian Studies Program.	to be funded by new combined KS Strategic Research Institute Program and KS Lab Program grants
Personnel: one KS <i>Sessional</i> Budget	\$7,900	To hire one sessional instructor to teach one more KS course during winter or summer (June) 2028 semester. The Centre's KS teaching support for the Asian Studies Program.	<i>see above</i>
Personnel: Three <i>Sessional</i> Budget	\$23,500	for the Centre Director's teaching reduction. One for a KS course and two RS courses . To allow the Director more time and energy to efficiently mount and operate the new Centre while carrying out two ongoing KS projects simultaneously, which require a tremendous amount of academic and administrative work....	<i>see above</i>
Personnel: Two Student Assistants:	\$4,140	Two excellent students in KS or AST to work weekly in the Centre office (Main 415): \$2,140 to hire and mentor one student assisting the Centre Director and other project participants with research, publication, and scholarly activities. And \$2,000 for another student assistant to look after office work and paperwork in the Centre (Main 415) and to assist the Director and KS instructors with weekly project work. <i>Both assistants also help KS project activities and international events.</i> Each assistant works 3-8 hours weekly at the UPEI student wage, \$16 per hour. Total 260 hours for 35 weeks for both assistants.	<i>see above</i>
Personnel: Admin Assistant (AST, Phil. PS, RS)	\$700	for her extra help in to help the Director with UPEI paper and admin work regarding international events such as hosting KS Speaker Series and UPEI's 2026 KS International Conference on Korean Confucianism and Global Perspectives, June 20-21.	<i>see above</i>
External Contract Budget Fee for Service	\$20,000	Book Manuscript writing fee for two project collaborators (American professor-scholars in KS). Each collaborating co-researcher as a book manuscript writer has this formal contract with UPEI: \$10,000 per year for book manuscript writing.	<i>see above</i>
Student Scholarship:	\$3,600	\$ 3,600 for 3 scholarships annually for 3 outstanding students in Korean AST: \$1,200 each. Chosen and awarded in May/ June each year. <u>Criteria:</u> Two <i>best well-rounded students who have completed two or more KS courses and have an excellent combination of grade, class participation, and attendance, together with have a strong interest in Korean and Asian Studies.</i> <u>re:</u> UPEI KS Scholarship and Internal Scholarship Guiding Document (UPEI Student Awards, Scholarships, and Financial Aid).	<i>see above</i>
<u>Student Activities:</u> KS Orientation Workshop	\$700	For one or two semester student workshops with KS Director, professors, and staff: to inform and promote AST/KS curriculum, courses, and events among UPEI students - with lunch refreshments.	<i>see above</i>
<u>Student Activities:</u> Movie Evening	\$247	One Movie Evening: show an award-winning, top Korean/Asian movie to students and others, as we did successfully for the Beginner's Seed program in Oct. 19, 2018..., and Jan. 29, 2019. With pizza, popcorn, and soft drinks. A popular student-centred activity to promote UPEI's AST program and UPEI campus internationalization.	<i>see above</i>

KS International Conference	\$46,800	<p>Organize and host the 2026 <u>KS Lab International Conference at UPEI</u>. Its tentative general theme is “Korean Religion and Philosophy on the Ultimate Meaning of Life: Inter-disciplinary, Comparative, and Contemporary,” UPEI, June 20–21 (or 27–28), 2026.</p> <p>5 group panels and 15-18 papers will be organized for 2 full days. Prominent, established, and promising scholars in Canada, USA, Korea, Japan, China, and Europe—who specialize in Korean Confucian studies (philosophy, religion, culture, and intellectual history)—will be solicited to submit paper proposals. Good ones will be invited for presentation.</p> <p><i>Will be done through my established int’l consultation with APA (American Philosophical Association (a large and prestigious society of philosophy in the world)–NAKPA (N. American Korean Philosophers Association) and AAR (American Academy of Religion; the world’s most famous society of religious studies)–KRG (Korean Religions Group).</i></p> <p>This conference, like UPEI’s 2018 and 2023 KS conferences, will support all invited presenters by covering their travel expenses for airfare (full or partial), conference hotel accommodation, all conference meals, and a group bus tour of PEI (on the second day after the conference). No registration fee. Promotional conference posters and a conference program with all abstracts and papers will be printed, distributed, and/or posted; similar to those for the 2023 KS International Conference which I organized and hosted at UPEI: see the latest calendar of events <a href="https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/06/2023-asian-studies-international-conference-mind-and-mind-cultivation-korean">https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/06/2023-asian-studies-international-conference-mind-and-mind-cultivation-korean</a>, and two poster and program links: <a href="https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_2023.pdf">https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_2023.pdf</a> and the conference program <a href="https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_program_2023.pdf">https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_program_2023.pdf</a></p>	to be funded by new combined KS Strategic Research Institute Program and KS Lab Program grants.
Project Team’s International Conference Session	\$6,000	<p>For an international conference by the Director’s project team at an APA conference (location: undecided) in Jan 2026</p> <p>Present the ongoing result of the Lab project team’s book manuscript writing on a theme to be decided.</p>	<i>see above</i>
Research Travel	\$15,573	<p>For Dr. Chung’s travel expenses for research activities and topics. Airfare, hotel or university residence (if available) accommodation, transportation, meals, buying books, research-related things (e.g., computer peripherals), etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research travel (3-4 weeks) to Korea and Univ. of Toronto, a leading Canadian university where the best KS (or E. Asian) library is available with classical and modern sources in East Asian and Western languages.</li> <li>• to attend major scholarly conferences, meetings, etc.</li> </ul>	<i>see above</i>
Publication Cost	\$2,000	<p>Support the journal’s or book publisher’s peer-review expense. To publish UPEI’s KS 2026 international conference papers (those selected for revision) on the conference theme in an edited book through Palgrave Macmillan’s (a leading international publisher) new book series, Palgrave Studies in Korean Thought (Dr. Chung is the series editor).</p> <p><i>We will do like what I did good for UPEI’s 2018 International Conference “Good and Evil in Korean Philosophy and Religion,” June 14-15, 2018 (very first of its kind in Atlantic Canada). We selected 5 best papers and submitted their revised versions to the international journal of Acta Koreana for peer review. These articles were published in its special theme issue (Dec. 2019, which I guest-edited: Acta Koreana, vol. 22, no. 2 (Dec. 2019).</i></p>	<i>see above</i>
Research Allowance	\$8,747	<p>For Director and others such as KS professor and Dr. Chung’s Lab project team’s co-researchers (book manuscript writers). KSPS-AKS allows up to CA\$380 per month for the Director <u>and</u> other CA\$380 per month for other book writers.</p>	<i>see above</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The KS Lab project team's travel and attendance at the annual international conferences of APA or AAR (in NY, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Montreal, etc.).</li> <li>Or buy books, computer peripherals (such as a monitor, printer, etc.), or research-related things.</li> </ul>	
Committee Meetings	\$1,700	3 meetings annually: Centre Director, KS profs, AST Committee and the Centre's Advisory Committee to discuss promote KS teaching, research, publication, and project activities - with lunch or dinner.	<i>see above</i>
Support for UPEI Library's KS books	\$3,400	The UPEI Library to purchase KS books and e-books and support 7 new KS courses. For student research and library books.	<i>see above</i>
KS books for the Centre	\$1,600	To buy new books for the CKS in the areas of Korean history, philosophy, religion, culture, and comparative religion. 25 books x \$70-90 per book (including sale taxes).	<i>see above</i>
KS Teaching Material	\$633	To develop or buy teaching and learning material (online and non-online). For the KS expert prof. and sessional instructors.	<i>see above</i>
Equipment I: desktop computer	\$3,000	For the Centre's new desktop to replace or in addition to an old one (8 years old). A new Dell XPS with a fast processor, enough memory, graphic card, wi-fi card, etc.	<i>see above</i>
Equipment II:	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by AST, UPEI for the Centre's office, Main 415 that already has two desktop computers for the KS professor's or sessionals' teaching and daily computing needs. For student assistants' work in the Centre as well. <i>No new or extra budgetary support by UPEI.</i>	<i>already available Main 415, UPEI</i>
Office facilities and supplies:	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by AST, UPEI: exiting furniture, office facilities, network, etc. are available for and provided by Asian Studies and UPEI. Regular stationeries (envelopes, papers, folders, pens, etc.) for the Centre office, Main 415. <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available Main 415, UPEI</i>
Photocopying	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by Asian Studies. The Centre's photocopying for paperwork and filing.... Available in the AST (and RS, PS, Phil) department office (Main 508). <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available UPEI</i>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$192,000</b>		
Indirect Overhead for UPEI	\$18,000 for year 2026	<i>Less than 10% is allowed by our funding partner (KSPS, AKS) for each year acc. the KS Lab project agreement which was already signed by the AKS, UPEI, and Dr. Chung. This overhead is automatically deducted and directly goes to UPEI's operating budget.</i>	<i>Taken from new combined KS Strategic Research Institute Program and KS Lab Program grants</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>	<p><i>Note that this total budget will sufficient for the Centre to support all of its academic, research, and scholarly functions and activities that were performed during Years 1 and 2.</i></p> <p><i>This includes KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or sessionals), sessional support for the Director, student scholarship and assistants, international conference and speaker series, research travel and allowance budget, publication expense, books for UPEI library, and other operation expenses.</i></p>	<i>This existing budget is very sufficient to continue operating the CKS in 2026.</i>

Note: **All budgetary items are externally funded: no new/extra financial burden on UPEI.** Non-salary budgetary items listed above will also be flexible due to unexpected or changing needs and expenses as the Centre operates; accordingly, we can certainly make some adjustment here and there.

**Year 4 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2027) Budget for the CKS: \$215,000**

<b><u>Budget Item</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Explanation</u></b>	<b><u>Note project affiliation and budget</u></b>
KS Personnel Staffing	<i>see below</i>	salary, fringe and insurance benefits, etc.	
Personnel: KS Teaching Term contract	\$35,000	To hire a 4-month term prof to teach 3 KS courses during the winter 2024 semester <i>or</i> preferably 2-3 sessional instructors to teach <i>four</i> (4) KS courses, Winter and Summer (June) 2024 semesters. The Centre's KS teaching support for the Asian Studies Program.	to be funded by new combined KS Strategic Research Institute Program and KS Lab Program grants
Personnel: one KS Sessional Budget	\$16,200	To hire 2 sessional instructors to teach two more KS courses during winter and summer (June) 2028 semester. The Centre's KS teaching support for the Asian Studies Program.	<i>see above</i>
Personnel: Three Sessional Budget	\$24,500	for the Centre Director's teaching reduction. 3 sessionals: one for three RS courses (to allow the Director more time and energy to efficiently mount and operate the new Centre while carrying out two ongoing KS projects simultaneously, which require a tremendous amount of academic and administrative work....	<i>see above</i>
Personnel: Two Student Assistants:	\$4,140	Two excellent students in KS or AST to work weekly in the Centre office (Main 415): \$2,140 to hire and mentor one student assisting the Centre Director and other project participants with research, publication, and scholarly activities. And \$2,000 for another student assistant to look after office work and paperwork in the Centre (Main 415) and to assist the Director and KS instructors with weekly project work. <i>Both assistants also help KS project activities and international events. Each assistant works 3-8 hours weekly at the UPEI student wage, \$16 per hour. Total 260 hours for 35 weeks for both assistants.</i>	<i>see above</i>
Personnel: Admin Assistant (AST, Phil. PS, RS)	\$1,000	for her extra help in to help the Director with UPEI paper and admin work regarding international events such as hosting KS Speaker Series and UPEI's 2027 KS International Conference on Korean Confucianism and Global Perspectives, June 20-21.	<i>see above</i>
External Contract Budget Fee for Service	\$20,000	Book Manuscript writing fee for two project collaborators (American professor-scholars in KS). Each collaborating co-researcher as a book manuscript writer has this formal contract with UPEI: \$10,000 per year for book manuscript writing.	<i>see above</i>
Student Scholarship:	\$3,600	\$ 3,600 for 3 scholarships annually for 3 outstanding students in Korean Asian Studies: \$1,200 each. Chosen and awarded in May/June each year. <u>Criteria:</u> Two <i>best well-rounded students who have completed two or more KS courses and have an excellent combination of grade, class participation, and attendance, together with have a strong interest in Korean and Asian Studies.</i> <u>re:</u> UPEI KS Scholarship and Internal Scholarship Guiding Document (UPEI Student Awards, Scholarships, and Financial Aid).	<i>see above</i>
<u>Student Activities:</u> KS Orientation Workshop	\$800	For one or two semester student workshops with KS Director, professors, and staff: to inform and promote AST/KS curriculum, courses, and events among UPEI students - with lunch refreshments	<i>see above</i>
<u>Student Activities:</u> Movie Evening	\$400	One Movie Evening: show an award-winning, top Korean/Asian movie to students and others, as we did successfully for the Beginner's Seed program in Oct. 19, 2018..., and Jan. 29, 2019. With pizza, popcorn, and soft drinks. A popular student-centred activity to promote UPEI's AST program and UPEI campus internationalization.	<i>see above</i>



KS International Speaker Series Seminar	\$10,000	Two KS international Speaker Series lectures at UPEI: 2 invited special talk on important or engaging Korean topics on philosophy, religion, or intellectual history/culture. For students and professors including Asian Studies people at UPEI. Invite two of the world's renowned scholars from a leading American and Canadian university (e.g., Harvard, Columbia U., Chicago, UCLA, Berkeley, UBC, UofT, etc.). <i>Covers all expenses for airfare (including business class if necessary), hotel accommodation, airport taxi, meals, and an honorarium (max. \$500-1,200).</i>	to be funded by new combined KS Strategic Research Institute Program and KS Lab Program grants
Project Team's International Conference Session	\$6,000	For an international conference by the Director's project team at an APA conference (location: tba), Jan. 2027. Present the ongoing result of the Lab project team's book manuscript writing.	<i>see above</i>
Research Travel	\$24,573	For Dr. Chung's travel expenses for research activities and topics. Airfare, hotel or university residence (if available) accommodation, transportation, meals, buying books, research-related things (e.g., computer peripherals), etc. • Research travel (3-4 weeks) to Korea and Univ. of Toronto, a leading Canadian university where the best KS (or E. Asian) library is available with classical and modern sources in East Asian and Western languages. • to attend major scholarly conferences, meetings, etc.	<i>see above</i>
Publication Cost	\$23,200	Support the journal's or book publisher's peer-review expense. To publish UPEI's KS 2026 international <u>conference papers</u> (those selected for revision) on the conference theme in an edited book through Palgrave Macmillan's (Springer Nature, a leading international publisher) <i>new book series</i> , <u>Palgrave Studies in Korean Thought</u> (Dr. Chung is the series editor). And publish a monograph (or edited volume) authored by me or another scholar through Palgrave Macmillan's innovative OA (Open Access) publishing: fees for OA preparation, proofreading, copyediting, online managing, etc. for lifetime. <i>Hardcover versions are also published.</i> About \$20,000 (including tax) <u>per</u> average-length book. In addition to this budget, research allowance (see below) also cover Palgrave Macmillan's peer-review expenses for book proposals and manuscripts.  <i>Note: I am the editor of this new book series and have a recently signed its contract agreement (Aug. 2023) with this famous publisher for an innovative book series, <u>Palgrave Studies in Korean Thought</u>. We will do like what I did good for UPEI's 2018 International Conference "Good and Evil in Korean Philosophy and Religion," June 14-15, 2018 (very first of its kind in Atlantic Canada). We selected 5 best papers and submitted their revised versions to the international journal of Acta Koreana for peer review. These articles were published in its special theme issue (Dec. 2019, which I guest-edited: Acta Koreana, vol. 22, no. 2 (Dec. 2019).</i>	<i>see above</i>
Research Allowance	\$8,747	For Director and others such as KS professor and Dr. Chung's Lab project team's co-researchers (book manuscript writers). KSPS-AKS allows up to CA\$380 per month for the Director <u>and</u> other CA\$380 per month for other book writers. • The KS Lab project team's travel and attendance at the annual international conferences of APA or AAR (in NY, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Montreal, etc.). • Or buy books, computer peripherals (such as a monitor, printer, etc.), or research-related things.	to be funded by new combined KS Strategic Research Institute Program and KS Lab Program grants
Committee Meetings	\$1,700	3 meetings annually: Centre Director, KS profs, Asian Studies Committee and the Centre's Advisory Committee to discuss and promote Korean Studies teaching, research, publication, and project activities - with lunch or dinner.	<i>see above</i>

Support for UPEI Library's KS books	\$3,627	The UPEI Library to purchase KS books and e-books and support 7 new KS courses. For student research and library books.	<i>see above</i>
KS books for the Centre	\$1,600	To buy new books for the CKS in the areas of Korean history, philosophy, religion, culture, and comparative religion. 25 books x \$70-90 per book (including sale taxes).	<i>see above</i>
KS Teaching Material	\$633	To develop or buy teaching and learning material (online and non-online). For the KS expert prof. and sessional instructors.	<i>see above</i>
Equipment:	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by AST, UPEI for the Centre's office, Main 415 that already has two desktop computers for the KS professor's or sessionals' teaching and daily computing needs. For student assistants' work in the Centre as well. <i>No new or extra budgetary support by UPEI.</i>	<i>already available</i> Main 415, UPEI
Office facilities and supplies:	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by AST, UPEI: exiting furniture, office facilities, network, etc. are available for and provided by Asian Studies and UPEI. Regular stationeries (envelopes, papers, folders, pens, etc.) for the Centre office, Main 415. <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available</i> Main 415, UPEI
Photocopying	<i>in-kind</i>	<i>In-kind contribution</i> by Asian Studies. The Centre's photocopying for paperwork and filing.... Available in the AST (and RS, PS, Phil) department office (Main 508). <i>No new/extra financial burden on UPEI.</i>	<i>already available</i> UPEI
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$196,000</b>		
Indirect Overhead for UPEI	\$19,000 for year 2026	<i>Less than 10% is allowed by our funding partner (KSPS, AKS) for each year acc. the KS Lab project agreement which was already signed by the AKS, UPEI, and Dr. Chung. This overhead is automatically deducted and directly goes to UPEI's operating budget.</i>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$215,000</b>	<i>Note that this total budget will sufficient for the Centre to support all of its academic, research, and scholarly functions and activities that were performed during Years 1 and 2. This includes KS teaching staffing (a term contract and sessionals), sessional support for the Director, student scholarship and assistants, international conference and speaker series, research travel and allowance budget, publication expense, books for UPEI library, and other operation expenses.</i>	<b>This existing budget is very sufficient to continue operating the CKS in 2027.</b>

Note: **All budgetary items are externally funded: no new/extra financial burden on UPEI.** Non-salary budgetary items listed above will also be flexible due to unexpected or changing needs and expenses as the Centre operates; accordingly, we can certainly make some adjustment here and there.

**Year 5 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2028) Budget for the CKS: \$220,000**

Year 5 will have all identical budgetary items (with the same calculation explanation) as **Year 3** does (annual total: \$210,000). It is therefore unnecessary, if not tedious, to repeat an almost identical budgetary table for Year 5 here.

The only difference is that the Centre's 5<sup>th</sup> year will have its total budget of \$220,000: a 5% (\$10,000) increase over Year 3 (annual total: \$210,000), which will be sufficient to pay for slightly higher expenses due to salary increase and annual inflation. Accordingly, almost all of Year 5's budgetary items will get this 5% increase as follows:

KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or several sessionals),  
 sessional support for the Director,  
 student scholarship, assistants, and activities  
 bi-annual international conference,  
 committee meetings,  
 research travel and research allowance,  
 publication expense,  
 KS books for UPEI library,  
 research books for the CKS, *and*  
 Indirect Overhead for UPEI administration.

Another small difference for Year 5 is its tentative general theme for UPEI's 2028 KS international conference theme: "Human Nature, Transcendence, and Immanence in Korean Religion and Philosophy: Traditional and Contemporary Ideas, Issues, and Reflections," June 22–23, 2028.

**Year 6 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2029) Budget for the CKS: \$225,000**

Year 6 will have all identical budgetary items (with the same calculation explanation) as **Year 4** does (total: \$215,000). It is therefore unnecessary (if not tedious) to repeat an almost identical budgetary table for Year 6 here.

The only difference is that the Centre's 6<sup>th</sup> year will have its total budget of \$225,000: a 4.6% (\$10,000) increase over Year 4, which will be very sufficient to cover higher expenses due to salary increase and annual inflation. Accordingly, almost all of Year 6's budgetary items will get this 4.6% increase, including:

KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or several sessionals),  
 sessional support for the Director,  
 student scholarship, assistants, and activities  
 bi-annual international speaker series,  
 committee meetings,  
 research travel and research allowance,  
 publication expense,  
 KS books for UPEI library,  
 research books for the CKS, *and*  
 Indirect Overhead for UPEI administration.

**Year 7 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2030) Budget for the CKS: \$230,000**

Year 7 will have all identical budgetary items (with the same calculation explanation) as **Year 3** does (total: \$210,000). It is therefore unnecessary, if not tedious, to repeat an almost identical budgetary table for Year 7 here.

The only difference is that the Centre's 7<sup>th</sup> year will have its total budget of \$230,000: a 9.5% (\$20,000) increase on Year 3 (annual total: \$210,000), which will be sufficient to cover higher expenses due to salary increase and annual inflation. Accordingly, almost all of Year 7's budgetary items will get this 9.5% increase as follows:

KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or several sessionals),  
 sessional support for the Director,  
 student scholarship, assistants, and activities  
 bi-annual international conference,

committee meetings,  
 research travel and research allowance,  
 publication expense,  
 KS books for UPEI library,  
 research books for the Centre, *and*  
 Indirect Overhead for UPEI administration.

Another small difference for Year 7 is its tentative general theme for UPEI's 2030 KS international conference theme: "The Self and Others in Korean Philosophy, Religion, and Society: Traditional, Contemporary, and Comparative Perspectives," June 22–23, 2030.

**Year 8 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2031) Budget for the CKS: \$230,000**

Year 8 will have all identical budgetary items (with the same calculation explanation) as **Year 4** does (annual total: \$215,000). The only difference is that the Centre's 8<sup>th</sup> year will have its total budget of \$230,000: a 7% (\$15,000) increase on Year 4 (annual total: \$215,000), which will be enough to pay for higher expenses due to salary increase and annual inflation. Accordingly, almost all of Year 8's budgetary items will get this 7% increase as follows:

KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or several sessionals),  
 sessional support for the Director,  
 student scholarship, assistants, and activities  
 bi-annual international speaker series,  
 committee meetings,  
 research travel and research allowance,  
 publication expense,  
 KS books for UPEI library,  
 research books for the Centre, *and*  
 Indirect Overhead for UPEI.

**Year 9 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2032) Budget for the CKS: \$235,000**

Year 9 will have all identical budgetary items (with the same calculation explanation) as **Year 3** does (total budget: \$210,000). The only difference is that the Centre's 9<sup>th</sup> year will have its total budget of \$235,000: a 12% (\$25,000) increase on Year 3 (annual total: \$210,000), which will be sufficient to pay for higher expenses due to salary increase and annual inflation. Accordingly, almost all of Year 9's budgetary items will get this 12% increase applied to:

KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or several sessionals),  
 sessional support for the Director,  
 student scholarship, assistants, and activities  
 bi-annual international conference,  
 committee meetings,  
 research travel and research allowance,  
 publication expense,  
 KS books for UPEI library,  
 research books for the Centre, *and*  
 Indirect Overhead for UPEI administration.

Another small difference for Year 9 is its tentative general theme for our 2032 KS International conference theme: "Suffering and Joy (or Happiness) in Korean Buddhism, Confucianism, and popular religion (shamanism): Philosophical, Religious, Cultural, and Contemporary Perspectives," UPEI, June 22–23, 2032.

**Year 10 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2033) Budget for the CKS: \$240,000**

Year 10 will have all identical budgetary items (with the same calculation explanation) as **Year 4** does (annual total: \$215,000). It is therefore unnecessary (if not tedious) to repeat an almost identical budgetary table for Year 10 here.

The only difference is that the Centre's 10<sup>th</sup> year will have its total budget of \$240,000: a 10.4% (\$25,000) increase on Year 4 (annual total: \$215,000), which will be very sufficient to cover higher expenses due to salary increase and annual inflation. Accordingly, almost all of Year 10's budgetary items will get this 10.4% increase as follows:

KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or several sessionals),  
 sessional support for the Director,  
 student scholarship, assistants, and activities  
 bi-annual international speaker series,  
 committee meetings,  
 research travel and research allowance,  
 publication expense,  
 KS books for UPEI library,  
 research books for the Centre, *and*  
 Indirect Overhead for UPEI.

### **Year 11 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2034) Budget for the CKS: \$245,000**

Year 11 will have all identical budgetary items (with the same calculation explanation) as **Year 3** does (annual total: \$210,000). The only difference is that the Centre's 11<sup>th</sup> year will have its total budget of \$245,000: a 16% (\$35,000) increase on Year 3, which will be very sufficient to cover higher expenses due to salary increase and annual inflation. Accordingly, almost all of Year 11's budgetary items will get this 16% increase applied to:

KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or several sessionals),  
 sessional support for the Director,  
 student scholarship, assistants, and activities  
 bi-annual international conference,  
 committee meetings,  
 research travel and research allowance,  
 publication expense,  
 KS books for UPEI library,  
 research books for the Centre, *and*  
 Indirect Overhead for UPEI.

Another small difference for Year 11 is its tentative general theme for UPEI's 2034 KS international conference theme: "Korean Confucianism on Selfishness and Sagehood: Traditional, Contemporary, and Comparative Perspectives," UPEI, June 22–23, 2034.

### **Year 12 (Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2035) Budget for the CKS: \$250,000**

Year 12 will have all identical budgetary items (with the same calculation explanation) as **Year 4** does. It is therefore unnecessary (if not tedious) to repeat an almost identical budgetary table for Year 12 here. The only difference is that the Centre's 12<sup>th</sup> year will have its total budget of \$250,000: a 16% (\$35,000) increase on Year 4 (annual total: \$215,000), which will be very sufficient to cover higher expenses due to salary increase and annual inflation. Accordingly, almost all of Year 12's budgetary items will get this 16% increase as follows:

KS teaching staffing (a term contract and/or several sessionals),  
 sessional support for the Director,  
 student scholarship, assistants, and activities  
 bi-annual international speaker series,  
 committee meetings,  
 research travel  
 research allowance,  
 publication expense,  
 KS books for UPEI library,  
 research books for the Centre, *and*  
 Indirect Overhead for UPEI administration.



Note: All budgetary items for each of Years 5–12 will be *externally funded*: i.e., no new or extra financial burden on UPEI at all. Non-salary budgetary items listed above will also be flexible due to unexpected or changing needs and expenses as the Centre operates; accordingly, we can certainly make some adjustment here and there.

## 12. Programs, Activities, Events, and New Initiatives of the CKS

The primary focus of the CKS is to promote the global enterprise of Korean and Asian Studies at UPEI in terms of excellent research, scholarship, and teaching, thereby inspiring or contributing to the international development and exchange of academic knowledge and practice. The Centre's roles, programs, activities, events, and initiatives will pursue, but not be limited to, the following.

### A. Research and Publication:

Most of all, the Centre's premier function is to undertake research projects of international calibre in interdisciplinary Korean and Asian Studies [especially philosophy, religion, intellectual history, religious literature and culture, and modern ethics and spirituality and *publish* outstanding books and journal articles and also present major conference papers at the annual or regular meetings of North American and international scholarly associations/societies.

Thanks to our first KS Seed project and funding, UPEI's Asian and Korean Studies has developed and maintains a great reputation of *world-class* research and published scholarship over the past four years, 2018-2022 as follows: three scholarly books, four journal articles, six book chapters (in edited books), and 16 international conference paper presentations.<sup>60</sup>

<sup>60</sup> During two years of her appointment (Jan. 2018-Dec. 2019), Dr. J. Park (assistant professor in KS) published two peer-reviewed journal articles and presented three international conference papers on the modern colonial history (1910-45) of Korean Buddhism; she also published a book review.

Dr. Edward Chung (KS Project Director) has the following track record for the research part of this project:

- two peer-reviewed book chapters (2019) and one journal article (2019) on Korean Confucian philosophy and comparative ethics and spirituality;
- an article on Korean Neo-Confucian thought in an edited book (2021): *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, 4 vols. (Hoboken, New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell); <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781119009924.eopr0206>;
- an article in a fine international journal (*Acta Koreana*) issue (Dec. 2019), which he guest-edited and published, on the special theme of "Good and Evil in Korean Philosophy and Religion" (consisting of 5 other articles written by good scholars such as two famous professors at UCLA and UBC);
- presented 12 major papers at the annual international conferences (e.g., American Philosophical Association; World Humanities Forum, 2018-22);
- authored and published a major book on the unorthodox school of Korean Confucianism, *Great Synthesis of Wang Yangming Neo-Confucianism in Korea: The Chonon (Testament) by Chong Chedu (Hagok)*" (Lanham, New York, and London: Rowan & Littlefield Publishing Group [a leading international academic publisher], Oct. 2020). [https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781793614704/The-Great-Synthesis-of-Wang-Yangming-Neo-Confucianism-in-Korea-The-Chonon-\(Testament\)-by-Chong-Chedu-\(Hagok\)](https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781793614704/The-Great-Synthesis-of-Wang-Yangming-Neo-Confucianism-in-Korea-The-Chonon-(Testament)-by-Chong-Chedu-(Hagok)) This book won an international book Award of Research Excellence in Korean Studies, the Korean Ministry of Education (signed by the Minister of Education and Deputy Prime Minister), Government of South Korea. <https://www.moe.go.kr/boardCnts/viewRenew.do?boardID=294&boardSeq=90073&lev=0&searchType=null&statusYN=W&page=1&s=moe&m=020402&opType=N>
- authored and published another monograph on Korea's most eminent Confucian thinker's philosophy and spirituality with Palgrave Macmillan (another famous international publisher) in Nov. 2021: *The Moral and Religious Thought of Yi Hwang (Toegye): A Study of Korean Neo-Confucian Ethics and Spirituality*. Palgrave Studies in Comparative East-West Philosophy (bk series), no. 4 (NY and London: Palgrave Macmillan [Springer Nature]). 227 pages. <https://www.palgrave.com/us> <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-77924-5> and [Palgrave Studies in Comparative East-West Philosophy | Chienkuo Mi | Springer](#)
- edited (with a co-editor) and published the third book with the same publisher's (Palgrave Macmillan) in

The AKS—UPEI's partnership institution that has fully funded our KS project—is very satisfied and impressed with this high level of research productivity in Korean and Asian Studies.

With help of UPEI's second KS Seed Program project funding (2022-2025) and KS Lab Global Program project funding (2022-25), Korean Studies and Dr. Chung are also maintaining this reputation of *world-class* scholarship since Jan. 2023 as follows: three scholarly monograph manuscripts being prepared; two journal articles published; two chapter articles (in two edited books); one international conference panel organized and chaired; and six international conference paper presentations.<sup>61</sup>

In addition, Dr. Chung has recently made a significant accomplishment: a new book series contract with Palgrave MacMillan (Springer Nature), a leading international publisher (<https://www.palgrave.com/us> and <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/humanities>). He signed this agreement (Aug. 2023) with this famous publisher for an innovative series, *Palgrave Studies in Korean Studies*. He is the series Editor (with two co-editors), and its first launching books on the great thinkers, ideas, debates, and practical implications of K. Confucian thought are proposed to be three monographs authored by Dr. Chung and his KS Lab research team's two American colleagues as co-researchers as book writers.

The CKS will continue and advance this prolific record in the coming months and years. We are also confident that it strongly supports the University's academic mission, updated vision, and new strategic

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July 2022: *Emotions in Korean Philosophy and Religion: Confucian, Comparative, and Contemporary Perspectives*. Palgrave Studies in Comparative East-West Philosophy (book series), no. 5. NY and London: Palgrave Macmillan (Springer Nature), 403 pages for 13 chapters. Dr. Chung served as the lead editor and authored introductory chapter 1 (with a co-editor; 24 pages), chapter 4, and chapter 13 (conclusions). Hardcover, paperback, and OA (open access: free internet reading and downloading).  
<https://link.springer.com/book/9783030947460> (book review); <https://link.springer.com/series/16356>;  
<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/humanities>

Undoubtedly, this is a fine track record of research and publication, partly for which reason Dr. Chung has recently won the UPEI FA Merit Award of Outstanding Scholarly Achievement 2023.

<sup>61</sup> Since Jan. 2023, two co-researchers (book writers under contract) of UPEI's KS Lab project team have published two journal articles and presented four international conference papers, including two at the 2023 Annual Meeting of APA, Montreal; in addition, each of them is productive in preparing a monograph book manuscript on Korean Confucian thought (with the special theme of the mind and mind cultivation) for publication consideration in the Palgrave Studies in Korean Thought book series by Palgrave Macmillan.

Furthermore, Dr. Edward Chung (KS Project Director) is also producing a good track record for the research part of both KS Seed and Lab projects:

- a scholarly monograph manuscript on the comparative study of three great Korean Confucian scholar-thinkers focusing on the mind and mind cultivation is being prepared (to be ready in draft by Dec. 2024), which will be reviewed for publication in the Palgrave Studies in Korean Thought book series by Palgrave Macmillan;
- two keynote speech papers being prepared, including one for the annual 2023 International Meeting of NAKPA (North American Korean Philosophers' Association), Daegu, Korea;
- two book chapter articles being prepared (to be done by Dec. 2023) for inclusion in an edited book (under book contract) by another prominent scholar in the study of Korean and comparative philosophy; to be published by a leading international press;
- two book chapter articles (in two edited books): one published [Mar. 2023] by Blackwell, another leading international publisher, and the other being considered for publication by the famous SUNY Press (2024);
- an article published in a fine international journal *Religions* issue (Feb. 2023) on the special theme of Current Research on Korean Confucianism, *Religions* 14: 2 (2023), 204–225 (21 pages)  
<https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/14/2/204> Downloadable pdf: <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel14020204>; and
- presented 2 international conference papers at the 2023 Annual Meeting of APA (American Philosophical Association, Montreal) and UPEI's [Second] KS International Conference on the Mind and Mind Cultivation in Korean Philosophy and Religion (June 21-22, 2023);

Of course, the AKS, UPEI's KS funder, is very familiar and satisfied with this highly productive progress of my KS projects' international research endeavour!

priorities, as specified in the *UPEI Centres Policy* and the *UPEI Strategic Plan*. For example, it pursues what the later document calls “*excellence...in education, scholarly endeavours, research, and service,*” which will help “*maximize the full potential of UPEI researchers research results and expertise.*”<sup>62</sup>

*For more related points including external funding, see sec. 4 on the Centre’s primary functions A-B, p. 7 and sec. 10 on external funding sources, pp. 15–16.*

## **B. International Scholarly Events:**

Another primary function of CKS provides the University and Asian Studies Programme with external (international) funding to continue organizing and hosting our two popular scholarly events at UPEI:

- international KS conference (every two years)
- international KS speaker series special lectures (every two years, alternating with the conference)

None of these scholarly events existed at UPEI until March 2018. Thanks to our KS Seed projects (fully funded by the AKS) since early 2018, Asian Studies and Dr. Chung have successfully organized and hosted these international events at our campus, the very first of its kind in Atlantic Canada.<sup>63</sup>

The KS international conference will be organized by the KS and Centre Director in consultation with the AST and Centre Advisory committees as well as with APA (American Philosophical Association (a large and prestigious society of philosophy in the world)–NAKPA (N. American Korean Philosophers Association) and AAR (American Academy of Religion)–KRG (Korean Religions Group).

As before, this conference will be fully funded externally, have a dedicated theme, and take place every two years in 2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, and so on. Five or six group panels al together with 15-18 papers will be organized for 2 full days. We will solicit or invite prominent, established, and promising scholars from well-known universities in USA, Canada, Korea, Japan, China, and Europe who specialize in Korean philosophy, religion, culture, or intellectual history to submit paper proposals.<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>62</sup> Quoted from the UPEI Strategic Plan, Strategic Plan Framework, p. 7 and priority 3 (Scholarship, Research, and Discovery), p. 14.

<sup>63</sup> Over the past 5 years, UPEI successfully hosted two major KS conferences at UPEI for two days in late June 2018 and 2023, which were attended by 13-15 prominent and promising scholars from USA, Canada, Korea, and Japan. The special theme of the 218 conference (June 22–23) was “Good and Evil in Korean Philosophy, Religion, and Spirituality: Korean Ideas and Global Implications,” and that of the 2023 conference was “The Mind and Mind Cultivation in Korean Philosophy and Religion: Buddhist, Confucian, Related, and Contemporary Perspectives.” For more details:

- *First KS International Conference* (2018; the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada); for more info, see <https://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2018/06/upei%E2%80%99s-asian-studies-program-hosts-international-conference> [https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei\\_international\\_conference\\_on\\_asian\\_studies-program.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei_international_conference_on_asian_studies-program.pdf) [https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei\\_international\\_conference\\_on\\_asian\\_studies-invitation.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei_international_conference_on_asian_studies-invitation.pdf) [https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei\\_international\\_conference\\_on\\_asian\\_studies-poster.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/communications/eventattachments/upei_international_conference_on_asian_studies-poster.pdf)

- *Second KS International Conference* (2023; the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada); for more info, see See UPEI’s featured news headlines, June 13:

<https://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2023/06/upei-hosts-2023-international-asian-studies-conference>

The UPEI calendar of events at <https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/06/2023-asian-studies-international-conference-mind-and-mind-cultivation-korean>, and conference poster and program links:

[https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei\\_korean\\_studies\\_international\\_conference\\_2023.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_2023.pdf)

[https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei\\_korean\\_studies\\_international\\_conference\\_program\\_2023.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/arts/koreanstudies/upei_korean_studies_international_conference_program_2023.pdf)

- *For conference event photos (taken by the UPEI photographer), visit: Jun 14 - 2018 - Google Drive* and *Ed Chung - Google Drive: https://upei-photography.smugmug.com/Private/n-rhkDRj/Events/2023/KS-International-Conference/*

<sup>64</sup> For both conferences in 2018 and 2023, the opening keynote speaker was Dr. Robert E. Buswell Jr., Distinguished Research Professor (formerly Irving and Jean Stone Endowed Chair in Humanities at UCLA,

The Centre will also organize and fund popular KS International Speaker Series every second year by inviting an eminent world-class scholar from a famous American/Canadian university (e.g., Harvard, Columbia, UCLA, Berkeley, UBC, UofT, etc.). All expenses for travel, accommodation, hospitality, and honorarium will be covered. UPEI's previous KS Seed project funded 3 popular talks, 2018–2020 for the first time in Atlantic Canada. Thanks to the second KS Seed project grant and the new KS Lab grant, we also hosted two more KS Speaker Series talks in April and May, 2023.<sup>65</sup> These talks were very successful in terms of promoting top-notch international research and scholarship at UPEI and also educating and inspiring AST and other UPEI students.

Overall, these scholarly events foster the academic understanding of Korea, Asia, and the world from various *interdisciplinary* angles: historical, cultural, philosophical, religious, political, etc. No doubt, we have developed a great local and international reputation in this important academic area. The AKS, UPEI's KS project funder, is very impressed with our international conferences and speaker series. The CKS will continue to advance this track record in the coming months and years. This success story certainly *exemplifies* a great role model for the University's academic mission, updated vision, and new strategic priorities, as specified in the UPEI Centres Policy and the UPEI Strategic Plan. As the Strategic Research Plan also states, the CKS will "Raise the profile and visibility of research excellence... locally, nationally, and internationally"<sup>66</sup> because "the University... has a proud tradition of excellence in research... nationally and internationally."<sup>67</sup>

With more *external* funding to UPEI, the Centre will continue these kinds of scholarly events on a regular basis, which will be headlined and contributed by prominent professors and scholars of international calibre as before.

*For related points (including external funding), see sec. 4 on the Centre's primary function C, p. 8 and sec. 10 (external funding...), pp. 15-16.*

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Distinguished Professor of Buddhist Studies), and Founding Director, the Center for Buddhist Studies and Center for Korean Studies, UCLA.

<sup>65</sup> For KS International Speaker Series, 2018–2020, and 2023, UPEI invited Dr. Don Baker (Professor of Korean Civilization and Religious History, Asian Studies, UBC) to give a special talk on modern Korean Buddhism in 2018 and then Dr. Charles Armstrong (Professor of Korean History, KS and History Department, Columbia University, NY) who gave a special talk on South and North Korea and international relations. See:

<https://www.upei.ca/communications/events/2018/02/speaker-series-asian-and-korean-studies-international-seminar>  
<https://www.upei.ca/communications/events/2019/03/asian-studies-seminar-korean-studies-speaker-series>

Event photo gallery (by the university photographer): [Mar 8 - 2018 - Google Drive](#) [Mar 25 - 2019 - Google Drive](#)

Regarding the 2023 events (late April and early May), we invited Dr. Jin Y, Park (Chair of Philosophy and Religion, America University, Washington D. C.; President-elect of the American Academy of Religion [AAR; the world's largest and best society of religious studies]) to give a lecture on a famous Korean woman Zen master, and then Dr. Philip J. Ivanhoe (Chair and Professor, Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.) who gave a special talk on the Confucian way of oneness, virtue, and happiness. UPEI calendar of events: <https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/05/postponed-may-2-same-time-and-location-2023-asian/korean-studies-international> <https://www.upei.ca/events/2023/04/postponed-april-27-same-time-and-location-2023-asian/korean-studies-international>; featured news headlines:

<https://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2023/04/upei-s-2023-korean-studies-international-speaker-series-presents-public> and Event photos (taken by the UPEI photographer): <https://upei-photography.smugmug.com/Private/n-rhkDRj/Events/Asian-Studies-Guest-Speakers/>

<sup>66</sup> Citing the Strategic Research Plan, sec. 7.1 (Strategic Objectives: Fostering and Celebrating Research Excellence), goal 3, p. 11.

<sup>67</sup> Citing the Strategic Research Plan, sec. 8 (Conclusion), p. 14.



### **C. Teaching and Funding for Asian Studies Program and KS Courses:**

Another primary component of the Centre's academic business is to promote and support student learning needs, and opportunities. With the help of an international KS grant, the Centre will continuously fund many of the following KS courses with quickly-growing student interest, thereby strengthening and enriching UPEI's Asian Studies curriculum and program delivery:

- 1012 Introduction to Korean I ([online](#); c-listed with ML 1012; 103 students enrolled in fall 2023)
- 2201 Korean Civilization (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed with Hist 2090-1; *in-person* or *online*; 40 students in fall 2022, *50 already registered for winter 2024*)
- 1022 Korean II: Language & Society ([online](#); c-listed...ML 1022; 30 enrolled in winter 2021)
- 2201 Korean Culture and Society (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed...Hist 2090-2; 53 students in 2023)
- 2301 Introduction to Korean Religions (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture, c-listed as RS 2301; 57 in winter 2023 and *70 already registered for winter 2024*)
- 2401 Digital Media and Pop-culture in South Korea (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture; *online*; 115 students in winter 2023 and increased to **135** in fall 2023)
- 2090 Modern Korean Politics and International Relations (2<sup>nd</sup>-year lecture; 60 in winter 2023)
- 3101 Modern Korean History (3<sup>rd</sup>-year lecture & seminar; c-listed as Hist 3090; 26 in fall 2022)
- 3201 Korean Arts: Traditional and Modern (3<sup>rd</sup>-year lecture; 24 students in winter 2020 and *43 already registered for winter 2024*)
- 3301 Korean Cinema and Drama (3<sup>rd</sup>-year seminar or *online*; 17 in winter 2023).<sup>68</sup>

Thanks to the KS Seed project grant since Jan. 2018, we are pleased to report that as the Dean of Arts and VPAR know, individual enrolment numbers in these KS courses have *tripled, quadrupled, or increased five times* over the past several years: e.g.,

When we offered 2401(Digital Media and Pop-culture...) four years ago, its number was under 40; by contrast, this number has tripled to 135 this semester (fall 2023). 3101 (Modern K. History) increased five times from 5 in fall 2019 to 26 students in winter 2023. 2201 (Korean Society...) enjoyed another huge increase (400%) from 14 in fall 2019 to 54 in winter 2023. 2301 (Korean Religions) also more than *quadrupled* from 12-13 in 2019 to 57 in winter 2023!

It is quite stunning to note that the AST program's total enrollment number, including two other AST courses 2020 (East Asia) and 1011 (Japanese I), was about 100–110 ten years ago, but this number has recently increased five times to 520–530 in 2022-23 with new KS courses that are mostly funded externally by Dr. Chung's KS Seed project grant. Its estimated enrolment for 2023–24 is 660–680: **six times** more than ten years ago! This is a huge program growth with the absolutely highest enrolment increase among all Arts (and possibly all UPEI faculty and school) departments and programs. Accordingly, this justifies and empowers the AST program to transform itself into a **Major** degree program in the coming years. While the CKS is operating, we can pursue this path and create a new endowed chair or faculty position (tenured or t-track position) together with the help of a big KS funding **endowment** (\$2–3M) from the Korea Foundation (affiliated with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Korea). The CKS can certainly play a leading role in this process. Thereafter, UPEI's bold, long-term goal would be to develop an *interdisciplinary* graduate studies (MA) program called "Asian (or Korean) and International Studies"—or something similar—within the Faculty of Arts.

We are delivering the AST and KS program very successfully and cost-effectively with such a huge increase in enrolment. Like booming "K-pop" (e.g., BTS), "K-food," and "K-drama" around the world,

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<sup>68</sup> As I have articulated the success of this curriculum and teaching development in my annual project performance reports (2018, 2019, 2021, and 2023) to the AKS—as well as in my internal quarterly reports (every three months since spring 2018) and to the VPAR, VPAF, Associate VP Research (since Jan. 2023), and the Dean of Arts—the AKS (our KS project's funder) is pleased with this "impressive list" of UPEI's courses in Korean Studies with good and quickly-growing enrolment numbers.



UPEI's KS courses are having a huge increase in academic interest and popularity among a quickly growing number of students with intellectual, racial, and international diversity at UPEI.

This range of KS courses, together with one or two more new courses on K. economy and philosophy, will be offered and taught by the Asian Studies and KS Program. The CKS will provide it with a four-month term contract faculty position (assistant professor) in Korean Studies every second year, as indicated on p. 13 (academic staffing) and pp. 18, 21, 27 (budget plan). This professor will teach any combination of 3 KS courses listed above, in addition to some productive research and service contribution to the Centre and its project activities and events. In addition, the Centre will help the KS program by supporting 1-3 KS sessionals each year depending on project funding availability. With a bigger international grant, the Centre will be able to hire and mentor a post-doctoral fellow. This fellow will be asked to do productive, research teach one or two KS courses, and also assist the Director in carrying out the Centre's daily academic business.

In this regard, the CKS also facilitates UPEI's growing interest in promoting "interdisciplinary" program, teaching, and research collaboration. Indeed, Asian Studies has been doing this over many years in consultation with several Arts departments such as Modern Languages, History, Pol Sci, and Religious Studies—and possibly others in the future—participating in and contributing to our curriculum development, team teaching, and course cross-listing. As the Strategic Research Plan emphasizes, the Centre will contribute to "research excellence built on UPEI's strength in collaborative teamwork" and "fostering, supporting, and enhancing multidisciplinary...interdisciplinary approaches."<sup>69</sup>

The CKS will continue to promote this positive track record in the coming months and years. This is another primary academic role of the Centre that strongly conforms the UPEI Centres Policy and UPEI Strategic Plan 2018–2023. The mission of this Centre endorses and pursues UPEI's strategic framework and priority that "the University is a community of scholars whose primary tasks are to teach and to learn, to engage in scholarship and research, and to offer service...." (UPEI Strategic Plan, p. 7).

*For related points, see sec. 4 on the Centre's function D (teaching faculty), p. 8 and sec. 10 (external funding ...), pp. 15-16.*

#### **D. Student Benefits and Opportunities:**

Another primary aspect of the Centre's academic business is to support student needs and opportunities as follows:

- **Scholarship:** Give two or three awards annually: \$1,000–1,200 each. two or three best students are selected on the basis of overall excellence with grades, class participation, and interest in an contribution to Korean and Asian Studies. No formal application is required, but the UPEI KS Scholarship and Internal Scholarship Guiding Document (UPEI Student Awards, Scholarships, and Financial Aid) is followed.
- **Student Research Assistantship and Mentorship:** Hire and mentor two UPEI students annually (ideally, one local and the other international) as students assistants to the Centre. Each student will get 4-8 hours weekly. Two excellent students minoring in Korean/Asian Studies will be hired to work part-time in the Centre: one student to assist the Director's and KS professor's research work and teaching, and the other as a student admin assistant to look after the Centre's office work (e.g., word processing, paperwork, computing, e-mailing, scheduling, etc.). Both students will also assist the Centre's academic activities and events.

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<sup>69</sup> Citing the Strategic Research Plan, sec. 6, p. 8 and sec. 7.1 (Strategic Objectives: Fostering and Celebrating Research Excellence), p. 10.

- Study and Work Abroad (a new initiative): Help qualified/interested UPEI students (undergraduate) to study and work abroad at our sister universities in Korea (or Japan or China depending on funding) that have an exchange agreement with UPEI. If budget is available, help one student financially for travel expenses: max. \$1,000.

Asian Studies and the KS project successfully offered these kind of student-centered benefits and opportunities since Jan. 2018, which have been funded by Dr. Chung's KS projects.<sup>70</sup> The CKS will continue these popular programs and develop new ones for UPEI students. All of these and other activities were explained in my annual KS project report packages (with 30-35 required supportive files) to KSPS, AKS (and copied to two UPEI VPs), 2018–2021 and 2023, as well as in my internal quarterly project reports (required every 3 months) to the VPAR, VPAF, Associate VP Research, and Dean of Arts.

This student-centered role of the Centre contributes to increasing or enriching UPEI **students' research** activity and experience locally and internationally. No doubt, this part of the Centre's mission will promote a key priority emphasized in the Strategic Research Plan: "engage more undergraduate students in research project activities in in most research programs of faculty members...[at UPEI]."<sup>71</sup>

*For related points (including funding), see sec. 4 on the Centre's function E, p. 8 and sec. 8-C (Staffing...: Student Administrative Assistant) and 8-D (Staffing...: Student Research Assistant), p. 14.*

## **E. Student-Centered Academic and International Activities:**

The Centre will promote and fund several popular activities in collaboration with the Asian Studies activities and events, including and not limited to the following:

- Student Workshops (annual): special info sessions on Asian Studies, KS scholarship, and student research assistantship, program activities, and international opportunities,
- Korean/Asian Movie Evenings (one yearly; the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada since 2018),
- Korean/Asian Speech Contest (annually in Nov.; the first of its kind since 2019) and
- Asian International Culture Clubs for local and international students (new initiative).

Asian Studies and Dr. Chung's KS Seed Project worked together to successfully carry the first K. Speech Contest at UPEI in Nov 2019 and the popular K. Movie Evening three times from 2018 to 2019.<sup>72</sup> As the

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<sup>70</sup> Since early 2018 UPEI's Asian Studies and KS Seed Project have offered these popular programs:

- *Scholarship*: Two or three awards given annually: \$1,000–1,2000 each. Two or three UPEI students (one local and one international who have completed one or more KS courses were selected and awarded in May 2018, May 2019, May 2020, and then May 2021. Two more were chosen and awarded in July 2023. Based on overall excellent: grades, participation, and contribution to Korean and Asian Studies (no formal application is required).
- *Student Assistantship*: Hired and mentored UPEI students as program or research/teaching assistants. So far, 4 excellent Arts students minoring in Asian Studies (including KS courses) were hired to assist the Director's my or the KS professor' research work, AST teaching, and the KS project's activities and events. 5-10 months each year (4-6 hours weekly at the rate of UPEI's HR student wage).

<sup>71</sup> Citing the Strategic Research Plan, sec. 7.2 (Strategic Objectives: Developing Talent for Impactful Research: goal 1 and objective ii), p. 12.

<sup>72</sup> From 2018 to 2021, UPEI's previous KS project has developed and funded several student-centered activities as follows:

- *Student Workshops*: offered special info orientation sessions on UPEI's Asian Studies and KS scholarship, courses, and activities. Annually 2 workshops were done. Four times thus far: Feb. 15, 2018 (lunar NYD Celebration and AST program orientation with free lunch), Nov. 15, 2018, Feb. 6, 2019

Centre's international funding increases and its program range expands, we can develop these kinds of activities with Japanese, Chinese, or other Asian languages and cultures as well.

The new CKS will inspire UPEI students to enrich their international learning experience through these types of extra-curriculum activities and events. This *student-centered* part of the Centre's international mission will definitely contribute to expanding UPEI students' "experiential learning" opportunities.<sup>73</sup> It will promote a key priority in the UPEI Strategic Plan: "Promote more opportunities for students...to participate in experiential learning..." (priority 1, p. 12). UPEI is fully committed to "enable our students to develop to their full potential in both the classroom and the community" (p. 3).

When appropriate or requested, we will also consider other kinds of academic and intercultural activities according to the Centre Director's recommendation in consultation with the Centre Advisory Committee and the Dean of Arts.

*For other important points, see sec. 10 (sustainability of the Centre: external funding...), pp. 15–16.*

## **F. Community Outreach Activities and Initiatives:**

This is the Centre's *secondary* role. When necessary or requested, the CKS will consider relevant outreach activities and information-sharing initiatives in order to promote higher education, immigration and retention improvement, and stronger socio-cultural integration in PEI, with respect to Korean and other Asian communities (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, South/Southeast Asian) and local and provincial educational, cultural, and government sectors.

## ***13. Annual Reports and Five-year Centre Review***

### **A. Annual Reports**

In accordance with the *UPEI's Centres Policy*, the CKS Director shall prepare "an annual report outlining the activities, income and expenditures of the past year as well as plans and budget for the coming year."<sup>74</sup> This is done by using the official template.<sup>75</sup> The Centre Director submits it to the Dean of Arts and Vice-President Academic & Research on Jan. 3 each year.<sup>76</sup>

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(lunar [Chinese-Korean] NYD), and Oct. 21, 2019 (during the Korean Movie Evening event). Event photo gallery (by the UPEI photographer): [Feb 15 - 2018 - Google Drive](#) and [Feb 6 - 2019 - Google Drive](#)

- *Korean Movie Evenings* (three times 2018–2019; the first...in Atlantic Canada) event web links and photos: <https://www.upei.ca/communications/events/2019/01/korean-movie-night> and <http://www.upei.ca/events/2019/10/korean-movie-night> and <https://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2019/12/upei-s-third-annual-korean-movie-evening>
- *Korean Speech Contest* (Nov. 2019; the first...in Atlantic Canada; for more info, see news links: <https://www.upei.ca/events/2019/11/upei-korean-speech-contest> and <https://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2019/12/upei-s-first-annual-korean-speech-contest-success>).

For the Korean Speech Contest on, Nov. 22, 2019 (Main, Faculty Lounge), 4 students were selected and awarded with three prizes (certificates and \$300 for the first prize, \$200 for the second prize, and \$100 for the third prize). Paper awards were also given. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Korean Speech Contest planned for early Apr. 2020 was cancelled due to COVID and UPEI campus shutdown, lockdowns, and online campus until June 2021.

<sup>73</sup> In light of the UPEI Strategic Plan, the CKS will contribute to "campus internationalization to foster UPEI students' global mindset, world views, and cultural awareness," (Priority 1 [Education for a Connected World]), p. 12.

<sup>74</sup> See the UPEI Centres Policy, sec. 8 (Reporting and Periodic Review of Centres), p. 5.

<sup>75</sup> *Ibid.*, Appendix A: VII (UPEI Annual report Template), pp. 19-26.

<sup>76</sup> *Ibid.*, Appendix A, sec. 6 (Annual Reporting Procedures), p. 6.

The report should include the following documents:

- a list of funding, budgetary list, activities, and expenditures of the past fiscal year.
- a plan for the new year, including anticipated funding, budgetary list, activities, and expenses.
- any changes in structure, direction, or management that may necessitate altering the Centre's by-laws.<sup>77</sup>

## **B. Five-Year Review**

In accordance with the UPEI's Centres Policy, we will also carry out a review of the Centre's activities once every five years. "The Dean of Arts to whom the CKS reports is responsible for initiating the review."<sup>78</sup> During its fifth year, the CKS will be formally reviewed by a review committee, to be named by the Dean of Arts. Requested documentation "may include (1) the Centre's annual reports, (2) minutes of the Centre Advisory Committee, (3) a five-year budget and strategy, and (4) the Centre's by-laws."<sup>79</sup>

This five-year review process considers the Centre's operation, "the extent to which it continues to serve the strategic interest of the University, and its fiscal viability."<sup>80</sup> The review result will be presented to the VPAR.

## ***14. University and Faculty Documents Consulted and Cited***

- UPEI Centres Policy (rev. 1; Nov. 26, 2014) [https://files.upei.ca/policy/centres\\_policy\\_admordgn10001.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/policy/centres_policy_admordgn10001.pdf)
- UPEI Centres Policy - Appendix A (Procedures Governing the Establishment, Reporting and Review of Research Centres and Outreach Centres at the University of Prince Edward Island (Nov. 26, 2014 version) [https://files.upei.ca/policy/guidelines/establishment\\_reporting\\_and\\_review\\_of\\_research\\_centres\\_and\\_outreach\\_centres\\_procedures.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/policy/guidelines/establishment_reporting_and_review_of_research_centres_and_outreach_centres_procedures.pdf)
- UPEI Strategic Research Plan (2022–2027): Roadmap to Research Excellence [https://files.upei.ca/research/upei\\_strategic\\_research\\_plan.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/research/upei_strategic_research_plan.pdf)
- UPEI Strategic Plan (2018–2023) [http://files.upei.ca/president/Future\\_Directions\\_Strategic\\_Planning\\_Framework\\_A.pdf](http://files.upei.ca/president/Future_Directions_Strategic_Planning_Framework_A.pdf)
- *UPEI Collective Agreement* [https://files.upei.ca/agreements/2022-2026\\_upeifa\\_bu1\\_final.pdf](https://files.upei.ca/agreements/2022-2026_upeifa_bu1_final.pdf)
- "Proposal to Establish An Outreach Centre: Institute of Island Studies" (Oct. 2011; PDF copy)
- "Proposal to Establish the Centre for Christianity and Culture" (2002; PDF and printed copies)
- support letter by Dr. Robert Buswell, Distinguished Professor and Founding Director of Center for Korean Studies and Center for Buddhist Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA (Sept 10, 2020 and Sept. 2023)
- support letter by Dr. Don Baker, Professor of Asian Studies and founding and former Director, Center for Korean Studies, UBC (Vancouver) (Sept. 10, 2020 and Sept. 2023)

<sup>77</sup> See the UPEI Centres Policy, Appendix A, sec. 6 (Annual Reporting Procedures), p. 6.

<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, sec. 8 (Reporting and Periodic Review of Centres), p. 5.

<sup>79</sup> *Ibid.*, Appendix A: VI (General Guidelines for Conducting a Centre Review), pp. 18-19.

<sup>80</sup> *Ibid.*

## **Appendix: Letters of Support Attached**

### *A Complete List*

(all 23 submitted letters are scanned and put together into two single PDFs)

*The following and other scholars, colleagues, and students at UPEI and other institutions around the world will be connected to the UPEI CKS through an international KS network by means of advising, consulting, or participating in the Centre's research and scholarly functions, endeavours, or new initiatives.*

#### ***External: National and International:***

- Dr. Robert Buswell, Distinguished Research Professor, UCLA; founding Director, Center for Buddhist Studies and Center for Korean Studies (retired from his Irving and Jean Stone Endowed Chair in Humanities and Distinguished Professor, UCLA), LA, USA
- Dr. Don Baker, Professor of Korean History and Civilization, Department of Asian Studies, UBC; founding and former Director, Center for Korean Studies, UBC
- Dr. Ivanhoe, Philip, Chair and Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., USA
- Dr. Jin Y. Park, Professor and Chair of Philosophy of Religion, American University, Washington DC, USA; former Director, AU's Asian Studies; President, American Academic of Religion (AAR)
- Dr. Seung Guk Kim, Assistant Professor of Korean history and Religion, Dept of East Asian Languages and Cultures (also manages Korea Research Center), Columbia U., NY, USA
- Dr. Bongrae Seok, Professor of Philosophy, Alvania U., Reading, Pennsylvania, USA
- Dr. Jung-Yeup Kim, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Kent State U., Ohio, USA
- Dr. Somi Lee (DEd), Teaching Assistant Professor (9-month term; applied art, culture, and comparative education), School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (has taught UPEI sessional courses on K. language, civilization, art, media and pop-culture, art)
- Dr. Song Chong LEE, Associate Professor (K. religions, sociology of religion, and interreligious interaction), Department of Religious Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
- Dr. Halla Kim, Professor of Korean and Comparative Philosophy, Sogang U., Seoul, Korea. Founding Vice-President, NAKPA (North American Korean Philosophers' Association); President, International Society of Korean Philosophy, Korea.
- Dr. Chun-chieh HUANG, Distinguished Chair and Professor of National Taiwan University (NTU), Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan); formerly Dean (2008–2017), [Graduate] Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, NTU (also conferred upon the National Chair Professorship and the National Academic Award, Ministry of Education, ROC)

#### ***Internal (UPEI): Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary:***

##### Professors

- Dr. Sharon Myers, Dean of Arts (interim)
- Dr. Neb Kujundzic, Professor of Philosophy (former Dean of Arts, 2011–2022)
- Dr. Sunga Shin-Buoy, Associate Professor of Music (interested in KS: music, philosophy, and culture)
- Dr. Ariana Patey, Chair (acting), Religious Studies, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
- Dr. Henry Srebrnik, Professor of Political Science
- Dr. Ian Dowbiggin, Professor of History
- Dr. Peter Koritansky, Philosophy Chair (interim), Professor of RS, Philosophy, and History
- Dr. Justin Kakeu, Associate Professor, Department of Economics (international energy and environmental economics, Korean thought and Canadian-int'l economics, global inequality, etc.)

##### Students:

- Krystin Matters (BA, UPEI 2020; RS major and AST minor; previously worked as a JET English teacher [2021-23] and now teaching English at Berlitz Japan and International, Tokyo, Japan)



Kailyn Sherren, Education student, UPEI (BA, 2022; Sociology major and Korean Studies minor)  
George Jiang, Arts student (History major and potentially Asian Studies minor, UPEI)

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*Thanks very much for reading and considering this proposal. Please advise if you have any questions. We look forward to your support. All the best.*

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