

## Vlad Loutchenok, Foundation/Public Sector Liaison Officer

### Key Accountabilities:

- Build solid relationships with foundations and public sector entities (NGOs, policy think-tanks, public health units, government etc.) specifically targeted for potential collaborations with UW faculty.
- Identify strategic opportunities in the community by promoting Waterloo research interests and capabilities externally with foundations/public sector (F/PS) with the objective of establishing research partnerships
- Facilitate partnerships between F/PS and Waterloo researchers to leverage government and agency funding under various partnership programs
- Foster knowledge translation (KT) activities in the F/PS to enhance impact of research in society
- Connect researchers with supportive and dynamic partners that can actively promote the translation of research into policy and practice

### FAQ

Q: How do you help researchers make connections with hospitals and public sector units?

- After I meet with a researcher and get a sense of their research interests and past projects they've worked on I then identify potential partners that would fit within these research areas
- While engaging with researchers at the university I am simultaneously meeting with potential community partners to:
  - Discuss their strategic plans
  - Identify their current research gaps
  - Discuss collaborative research opportunities and areas of synergy with the University
  - Facilitate introductions with UW researchers

Q: What is the best way for researchers to start working with you to establish a collaboration?

- Schedule a meeting with me to discuss:
  - Research interests
  - Past projects/grant applications
  - Past/current partnerships
  - Interests in connecting with a specific community organization

Q: In addition to GRH, are there other health care institutions that you help researchers target to establish collaborations?

- YES
  - Public health units in different locales
  - Community Health Centres
  - Mental Health Centres
  - NGOs that deal with (social determinants of health, mental health, access to health etc.)
  - Foundations
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