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Lives on campus



#### Mental Health Trends



Increasing mental health funding



More students seeking treatment



Unmatched demand



#### Barriers To Treatment



Opportunity cost of time



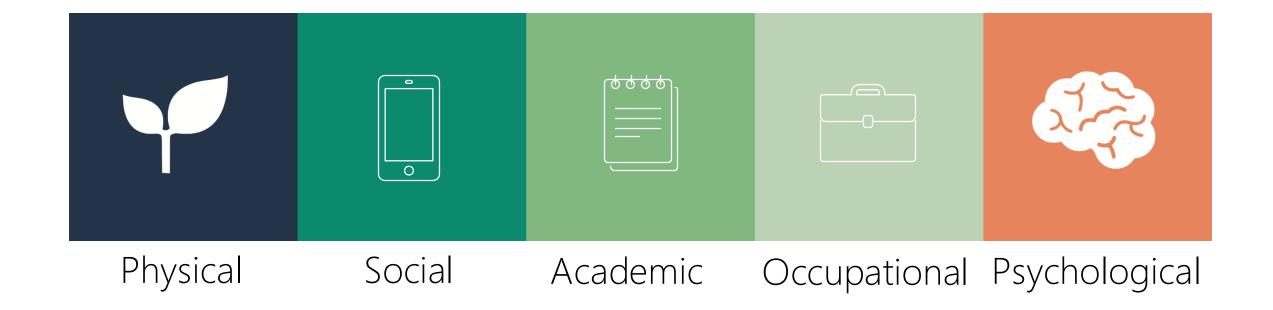
Negative attitudes from professionals



Long wait times & low-quality service



# Student Demographic





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Psychological



#### How can



help post-secondary students to **better manage** their mental health needs and **promote** their mental wellness?

# Executive Summary

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Summary

**Impact** 



# TELUS Health®

Project Dragon

#### Alternatives







#### Alternative #1



#### Why?

- Able to use technology to assess mental health
- Increases accessibility

#### Why not?

- Privacy issues
- Regulation
- Overselling



#### Alternative #2



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## Virtual Reality Therapy (VRT)

Patients receiving virtual reality therapy navigate through digitally created environments and complete specially designed tasks often tailored to treat a specific ailment

Applications

Advantages

Stress

Less intimidating

Anxiety

Personalized

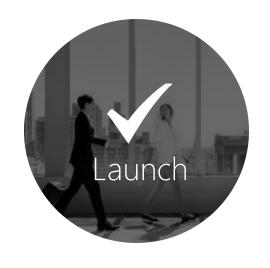
Depression

Backed by data

# Recommendation





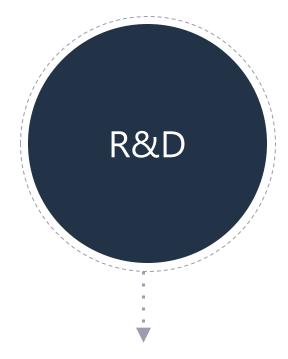






Develop.

Phase 1



Creation of a VR therapy software solution

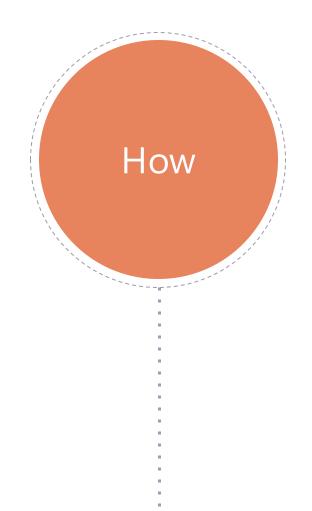
Creation of VR therapy training course



Competitive advantage

CSR

Tax incentive



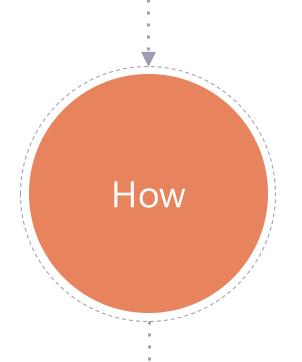


Phase 1

Use of health care professionals to assist in development of app and training program

Work with an app developer

Conduct clinical trials and adjust





Phase 1

Health Care Professional Consultant



\$335,000





Phase 1

Students: Free

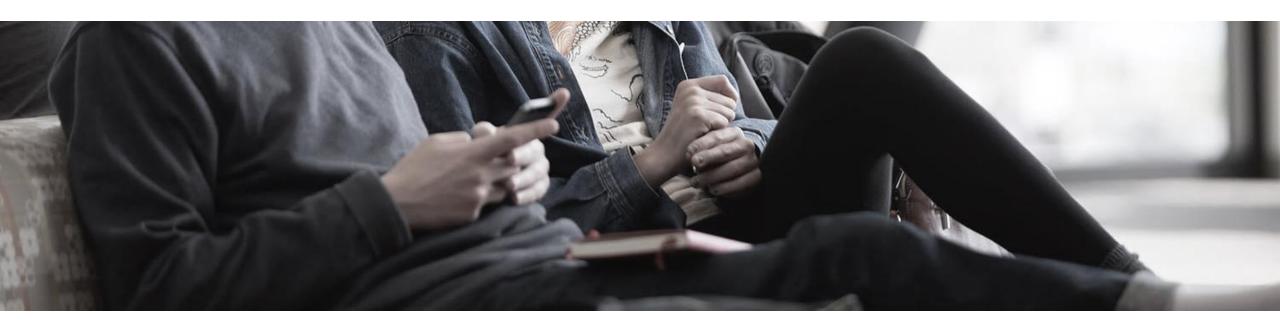
Agreement with universities:

10% of mental health program budget

i.e. UBC - \$190,000







Target.

# Target Phase 2



#### **WHY**

Students are more tech-savvy

#### **HOW**

- Establish presence in student-friendly social media platforms
  - Instagram, Facebook



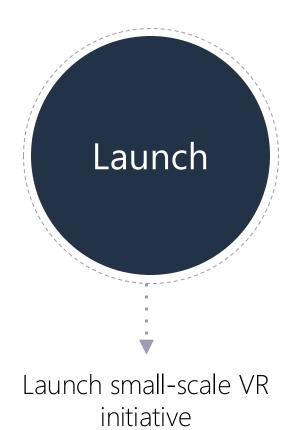




Launch.

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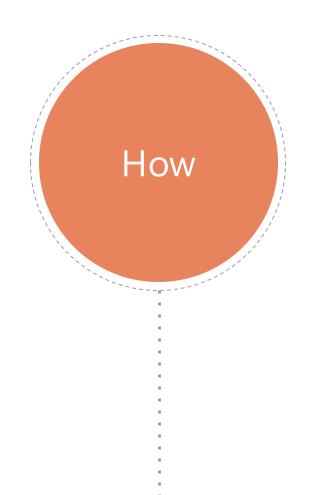
Phase 3



Why

Gather feedback

Optimize and adjust





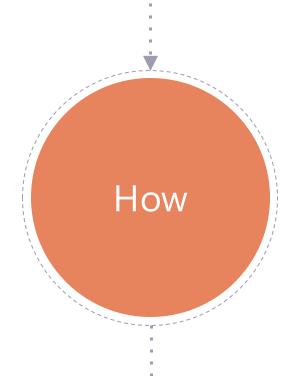
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Phase 3

Initiate agreement with U of T

Integrate VR therapy with current counselling program

Begin training courses for program coordinators





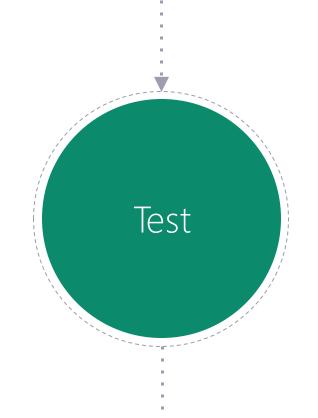
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Phase 3

Temporary 3-month project

Feedback collection

Analysis of results





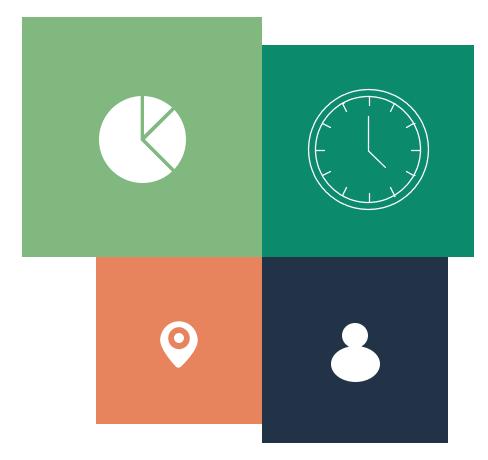
# Goals / Performance Metrics

Feedback

Length of engagement

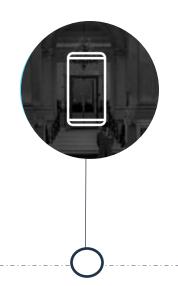


# of applicants

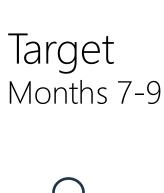


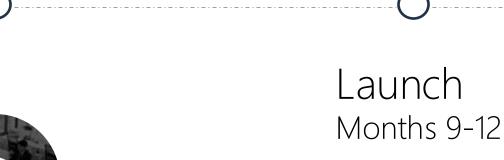


#### Timeline



Develop Months 1-7









# Risk Trigger Lack of Virtual Reality Use on campus Trigger Less than 20 appointments a day Further promotion on campus



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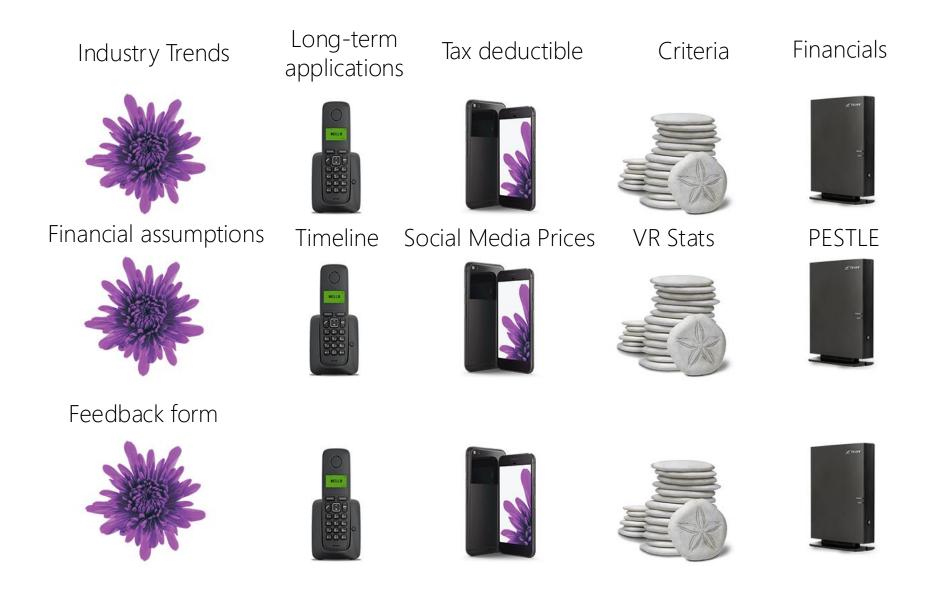
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# Industry Trends (Appendix)

	2013	2016	Change
Felt things were hopeles	51.00%	59.60%	8.60%
Felt overwhelmed by all you had to do	89.20%	89.50%	0.30%
Exhausted (Not from physical activity)	86.60%	88.20%	1.60%
Very Lonely	62.00%	66.60%	4.60%
Very Sad	68.60%	73.70%	5.10%
So depressed that it was difficult to function	34.20%	44.40%	10.20%
Overwhelming anxiety	54.50%	64.50%	10.00%
Overwhelming anger	41.00%	47.30%	6.30%
Seriously considered suicide	8.60%	13.00%	4.40%
Attempted suicide	1.30%	2.10%	0.80%
Intentionally injured yourself	5.60%	8.70%	3.10%

# Industry Trends (Appendix)

UBC increased mental health counselling funding from \$1 million in 2010 to \$1.9 million in 2016

Ryerson increased funding from \$1.4 million in 2014 to \$1.7 million in 2016

## Long-Term Applications

Providing VR therapy tools to private health institutions

Being able to treat:

- Phobias
- PTSD
- Other mental illnesses

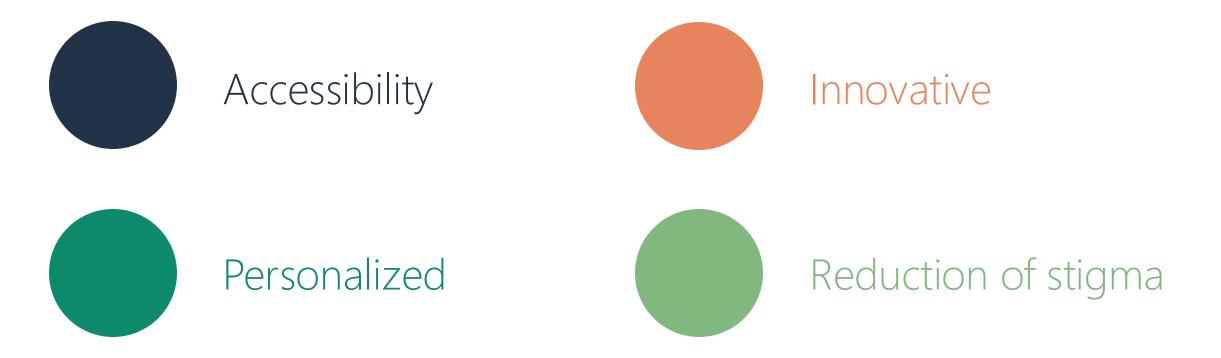
## Claiming SR&ED tax incentives

The Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program is a federal tax incentive program designed to encourage Canadian businesses of all sizes and in all sectors to conduct research and development (R&D) in Canada. The program is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), which delivers SR&ED tax incentives in a timely, consistent and predictable manner, while encouraging businesses to prepare their claims in compliance with Canada's tax laws and the CRA's policies and procedures.

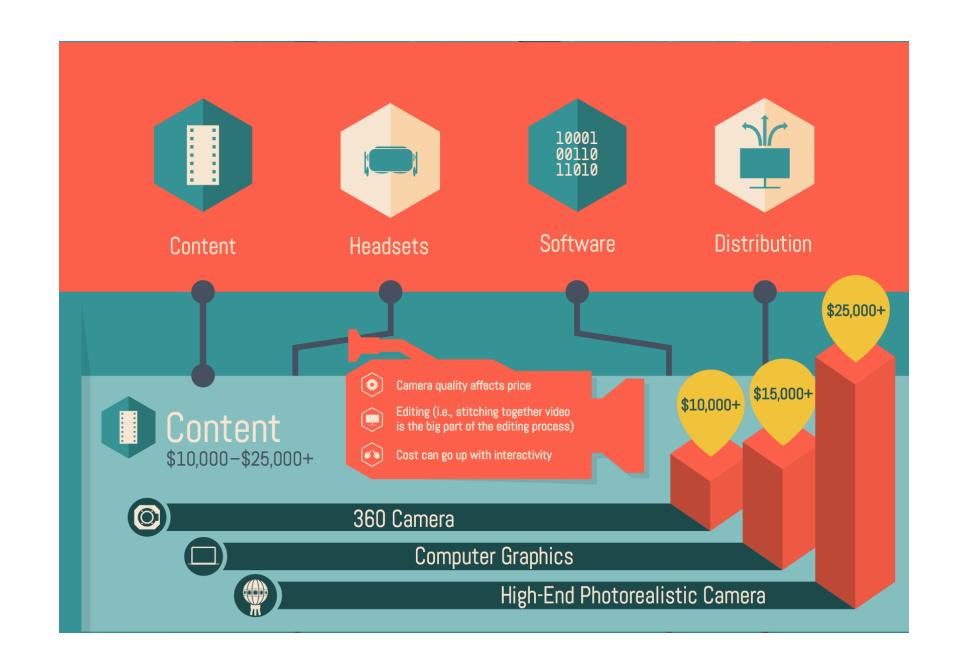
The CRA is committed to administering the program with fiscal integrity and to ensuring that businesses are aware of the program and can access it as easily as possible. It is important that businesses receive their entitlements under the program and that the CRA applies the legislation correctly, consistently, and fairly so that claimants receive the full amount to which they are entitled.

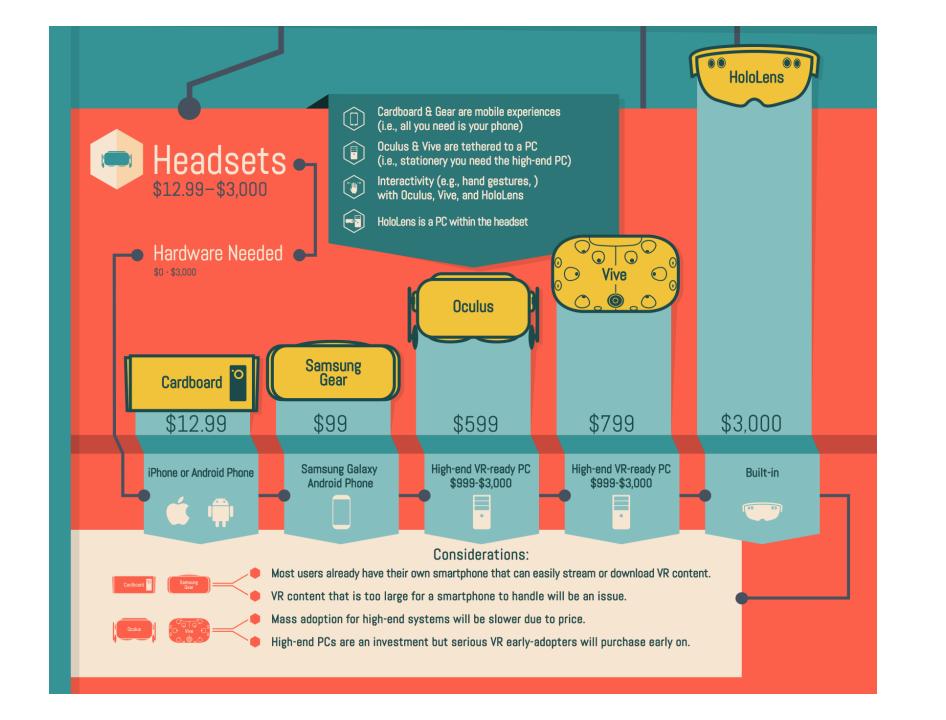
The following information will be helpful for first-time claimants.

### Criteria









# Financial Assumptions

Health care professionals:

- Family physicians \$300/hour, 3 doctors, allocating 200 hours (\$180,000)
- Therapists \$50/hour, 3 therapists, allocating 200 hours (\$30,000)

#### 3. Timeline for Rolling Out to Universities

Year 1: (Population over 30,000)

University of Alberta

Athabasca University

Simon Fraser

University of British Columbia

Ryerson University

University of Ottawa

University of Toronto

University of Waterloo

University of Western Ontario

York University

Concordia University

McGill University

Universite de Montreal

Universite de Laval

Year 2: (Population of 25,000-30,000)

Mount Royal University

**University of Calgary** 

University of Manitoba

**Carleton University** 

**McMaster University** 

### 2. Pricing for advertisements:

Type of Advertisement	Price
Instagram Ads	\$8.50 per 1,000 impressions
Snapchat Ads	\$4.00 per 1,000 impressions
Facebook Ads	\$13.35 per 1,000 impressions
Mental Health Posters	\$0.89 per 11" by 17" coloured poster
Mass Student Emails	Free

### Virtual Reality Exposure Therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Other Anxiety Disorders

These studies have proven to be true by the results that virtual reality therapy programs have had on reducing PTSD symptoms. In a clinical test exposing Iraq veterans to VR therapy, 75 percent of the participants experienced at least a 50 percent reduction of their PTSD symptoms, with the average totals of PTSD and anxiety symptoms, respectively, showing decreases of 50.4 and 36 percent [10].

shopping mall, and tunnel. Using 50% reduction in panic frequency as the criterion for clinical improvement, 100% of in vivo participants and 90% of VRE participants met criteria at the end of treatment (wait list, 28.6%). At 12-month follow-up, 90% in vivo and 91.6% VRE participants met the criteria for panic-free status.

Emory University School of Medicine Study

### 8. PESTEL Analysis

Political Factors	Economic Factors	Social Factors	Technological Factors	Environmental Factors	Legislative Factors
- Government of Canada funds public healthcare system which includes primary	- Canada is currently a market economy - Canadian economy is in the	- Increasing trend in online purchases - Rise in concern for corporate social responsibility for companies - Popularity of	- Technology is becoming more and more apart of everyday lives, used for many different	- Canadian weather: cold and snowy in the winter, warm and sunny in the summer (less students will	- Student volunteers run the VR simulations, they do not need to be paid

and secondary services - Government funding excludes supplementary services which includes mental health services, visionary care, dental support, medical equipment, and physiotherapy - Legislation for the Canadian public healthcare system will likely remain constant in future years	expansion stage of business cycle - GDP has been growing at a rate of 3.1% as of 2017 - Current inflation rate in Canada: 1.55% - Current unemployment rate in Canada: 7%	customization has increased - Gender roles diminishing - 1.2% annual population growth in Canada - 9.2% of the Canadian population consists of 18-24 year olds (most of our target market falls into this age category)	functions - Consumers are caring more about their health. They purchase products and participate in activities that will help them to achieve good health mentally and physically.	participate in VR in the summer because they will not be attending school and will likely want to spend their time outdoors) - Pollution index Canada: 27.72 (low) - Air quality Canada: 80.88 (very high)	- Volunteers still must be treated fairly and must not work for more than 8 hours per day - Participants must sign a waiver before they begin their VR simulation
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#### The Calm Evaluation Form

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