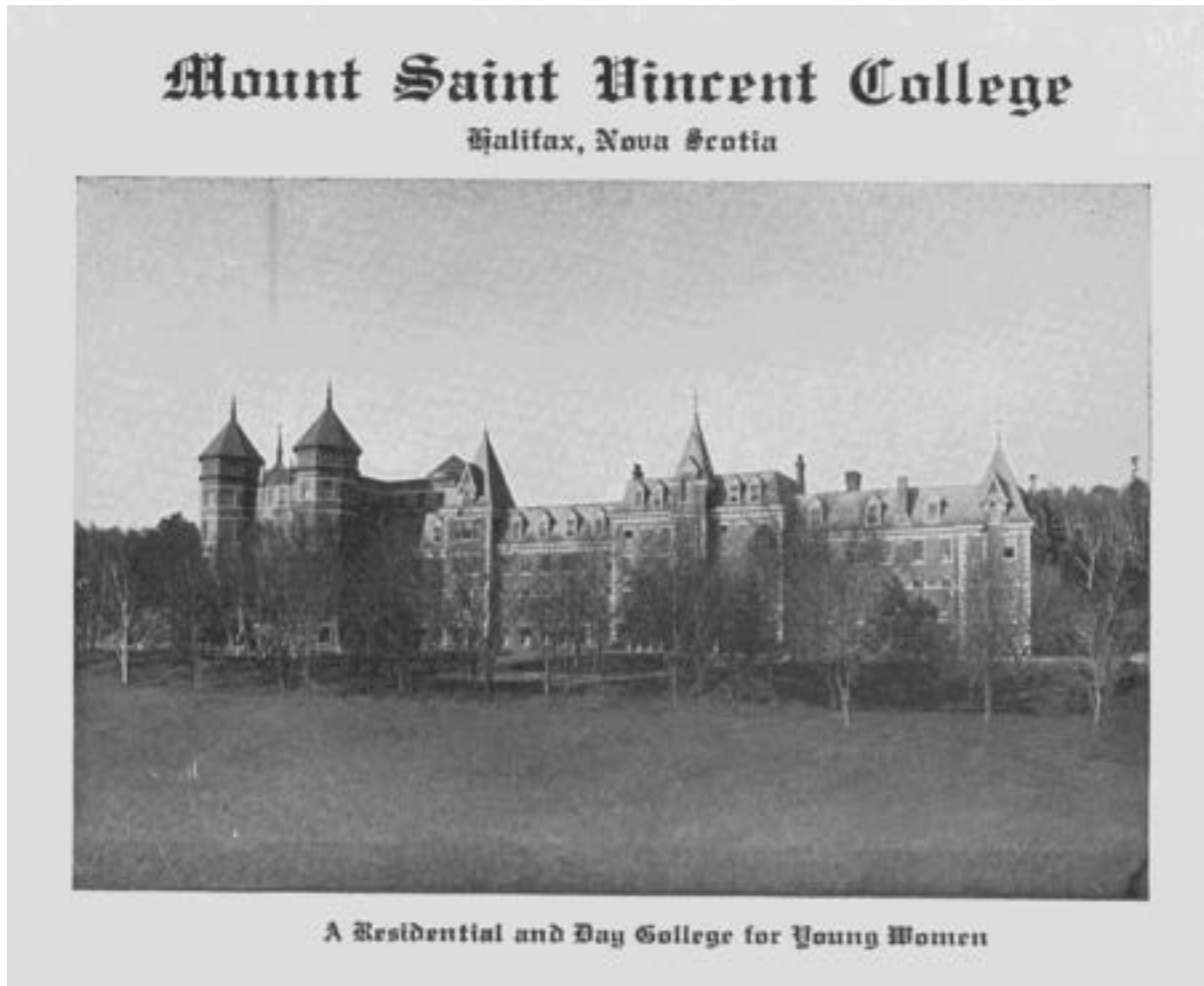# April Research Bulletin

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# Events & Webinars



**April 5th, Black and Indigenous Speaker Series**

The [MSVU Research Office](#) is pleased to host the next installment of its Black and Indigenous Speaker Series featuring Dr. Margaret Robinson.

Dr. Margaret Robinson is a two-spirit Mi'kmaw scholar from Eskikewákik, and a member of the Lennox Island First Nation. Dr. Robinson earned a PhD from the University of Toronto and conducts community-based research with Indigenous and LGBTQ+ people. Dr. Robinson works as an Associate Professor at Dalhousie University in the Departments of English and of Sociology & Social Anthropology, where she holds the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in reconciliation, gender, and Identity.

This talk titled, **Taking up (too much) space: How health research problematizes Indigenous women's body size,** will take place on *Wednesday, April 5th from 12:00 to 1:00 Atlantic Time via MS Teams*.

 Send an email to speakerseries@msvu.ca to RSVP.

*To learn more about the Black and Indigenous Speaker Series, visit https:[//www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/about-us/black-and-indigenous-speaker-series/](#)*

**Call for Nominations**

MSVU is excited to announce a call for nominations for the Black and Indigenous Speaker Series.

Speakers nominated for the series should:

- Identify as Black, Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) or Aboriginal.

- Be an active contributor to an academic discipline or professional field.

- Affiliated with an academic institution, research institution, or college.

*To complete the nomination form,* [click here](#)*. Any related questions can be directed to* [speakerseries@msvu.ca](mailto:speakerseries@msvu.ca)

[*More information*](#)

### April 5th, Rhodes Scholarship - Information Webinars 2023

Rhodes Scholarships are hosting information sessions this spring! The Eastern Canada session is scheduled for *Wednesday, April 5, 3 to 4 pm* ET. Register at the following link: [https://rhodeshouse-ox-ac-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ll03iJOOT0iy7GAjfjxVDQ](https://rhodeshouse-ox-ac-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ll03iJOOT0iy7GAjfjxVDQ)

### April 12th, The Conversation: Let's Talk Writing

Join us on Wednesday, April 12th from 12:30-1:30 AST  for a virtual session on how to write & publish to The Conversation. This session will include hearing from published members of MSVU Faculty, learning about our institutional analytics, tips and tricks for writing, copyright, and more! Contact [research.comms@MSVU.ca](mailto:research.comms@MSVU.ca) to RSVP.

### April 12th, Duty to Accommodate & Undue Hardship Accessibility Services

Please join Accessibility Services on *Wednesday, April 12th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in McCain 105* for a discussion panel on the duty to accommodate with the MSVU Harassment and Discrimination Advisor, the NS Human Rights Commission and members of student service offices.

### April 12th, Faculty Teaching Colloquium

Featuring Maria Matthews and Shuyue Huang (Business and Tourism) *12:30 p.m. – 1:30p.m. McCain 401*. Email tlc@msvu.ca for more information or for the virtual link.

### April 12, CAnD3 Lunch& Learn Are we adding more life to our years?

The compression of morbidity argument contests that the burden of illness  can be compressed into a shorter period of time before death. In this Lunch&Learn session on *April 12, 2023 at 12 PM ET*, Dr. Zachary  Zimmer will discuss this hypothesis by examining activity-limiting pain  in older adults through multistate life table methods. This session is taking place via Zoom, at 12 pm ET.  Register at the following link,[https://www.mcgill.ca/cand3/event-registration-are-we-adding-more-life-our-years-testing-compression-morbidity-argument](https://www.mcgill.ca/cand3/event-registration-are-we-adding-more-life-our-years-testing-compression-morbidity-argument)

### April 12th & 13th, Canada Biomedical Research Fund and Biosciences Research Infrastructure Fund—Stage 2

*Webinar on the submission of Notices of Intent to the Stage 2 CBRF-BRIF competition*

The Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS) and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) will be hosting webinars for researchers, research administrators and other interested parties. These webinars will touch on the overarching objectives of the funding opportunity as well as

provide additional information regarding the submission of Notices of Intent to this competition. Subsequent webinars will be scheduled to provide details on the submission of the full application.

There will be two webinar sessions, one on April 12, 2023, in English, and one on April 13, 2023, in French. All sessions will occur from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Use the links below to register:

*Register for the **English** session*,  *April 12 at 1 p.m. EDT*

*Register for the **French** session*, *April 13 at 1 p.m. EDT*

Researchers are encouraged to register early for the information session!

For further details of the Canada Biomedical Research Fund and Biosciences Research Infrastructure Fund-Stage 2, please click on this link: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/cbrf-frbc/index-eng.aspx

**April 4th-25th, ACENET Upcoming Training Sessions**

*Molecular Dynamics4, 6, 11, 13 April, 1300-1600hrs Atlantic / 1330-1630hrs NL*

DETAILS & REGISTERhttps://www.eventbrite.ca/e/acenet-molecular-dynamics-tickets-488025085167

*Digital Humanities Summer Institute - East17-20 April Location: In person, St. FX University, Antigonish NS*

DETAILS & REGISTER: https://www.mystfx.ca/digital-humanities/dhsi-east

*R for Social Scientists24, 25 April, 0900-1300hrs Atlantic / 0930-1330hrs NLLocation: In person, St. FX University, Antigonish NS*

DETAILS & REGISTERhttps://www.eventbrite.ca/e/acenet-r-for-social-scientists-tickets-492018790447

***April 26th, Lesbian Visibility Day***

Join us on *April 26th from 4:00-6:00 pm at the MSVU Art Gallery* to celebrate Lesbian Visibility Day! This event will highlight the MSVU Lesbian Pulp Fiction collection, the Dalhousie University Nova Scotia LGBT Seniors Archive and Dalhousie University Lesbian Oral History project. Speakers will reflect on lesbian visibility and invisibility, and the need for collections that highlight the lives of women who love women. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, contact elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca.

**Jun 25th-30th, World Non-Communicable Diseases Congress comes to Toronto this June**

The World Non-Communicable Diseases Congress  (WNCD) is taking place in Toronto on *June 25-30, 2023*. WNCD 2023 will  gather international experts to advance knowledge and expertise on  non-communicable diseases (NCD), to assess their impact globally and to  develop public health measures and recommendations to mitigate and  contain them.

**October 12th-14th Canadian Sex Research Forum Annual Meeting; Montreal, Quebec**

The Canadian Sex Research Forum (CSRF) is holding its annual conference in-person, in Montreal from the *12th-14th of October 2023*. This conference aims to display evidence-based knowledge conducted by well-known and up-and-coming sexual health researchers.

*Call For Submissions*

The CSRF encourages submissions from researchers and practitioners from all disciplines and backgrounds on any topics relevant to sexuality broadly conceived. They especially encourage submissions addressing critical current issues in the field and society, for example but certainly not limited to theories and methodologies of gender and sex, sexual well-being, sexual health and dysfunctions, couples and sexuality, sex therapy, gender-based violence, anti-racist sexuality research, 2SLGBTQIA+ sexuality, and pleasure-based sex education.

In order to maximize the interdisciplinary benefit and diversity of presentations at the meeting, each individual will only be permitted to present as first-author one (1) abstract (not including overall symposia abstracts). Individuals can be co-author on multiple submissions. This helps to ensure the best opportunities for the most people, and the richest conference program possible.

You can read more about the abstract submission process here:

https://www.canadiansexresearchforum.com/montreal-2023

Submission deadline May 15th, 2023

## Funding Successes



**Congratulations, Researchers!**

*CIHR:*

Dr. Derek Fisher and team - Fall 2022 Project Grant

Dr. Janice Keefe and team - Fall 2022 Project Grant

Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac and Dr. Tracy Moniz - Planning and Dissemination Grant- Institute Community Support

*SSHRC:*

Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac and team - Connection Grant Nov 2022 Competition

Dr. Sara King and team - Partnership Engage Grant Dec 2022 Competition

Dr. Krista Ritchie and team - Partnership Engage Grant Dec 2022 Competition

# Funding Opportunities



**Tri-Agency Funding Opportunities:**

**CIHR**

- *Operating Grant: New Investigator Research Grants in Child and Youth Health (2023)* deadline **4/20/2023**

For a comprehensive list of current CIHR funding opportunities, please click on the following link: ResearchNet

**NSERC**

- For the suite of Discovery Funding Programs, please click on the following link: Discovery Research Opportunities

**SSHRC**

- *Awards to Scholarly Publications Program* annually from April 1 to March 31. For details, click here: [The Awards to Scholarly Publications Program](#)

- *Imagining Canada's Future Ideas Lab: Global Health and Wellness for the 21st Century* (pilot funding) deadline May 25, 2023 (8 pm eastern). For further details about this call, please click here: [Stage 1: Call for participants for hybrid workshop](#)

- *Reconciliation Network in Response to Call to Action 65* deadline May 15, 2023. Please click on the link for details: [Reconciliation Network in Response to Call to Action 65](#)

- *Connection Grants* deadline May 1. Click on this link for details: [Connection Grants](#)

If the posted deadline for Tri-Agency competitions falls on a weekend or holiday, the **next** business day shall be the official deadline.

**OTHER EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Research Nova Scotia: [For Researchers](#)

Change Lab Action Research Initiative: [CLARI](#)

Nova Scotia Health Research Fund for Scientific Affiliates: [Nova Scotia Health Research Fund](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact your Research Grants Coordinator, Marlene Ramos (marlene.ramos1@msvu.ca), for support on external grant development or for any questions about external funding not listed here.

**Internal Grants**

April 5

- Release Time Awards

If the posted deadline for internal competitions falls on a weekend or holiday, the **next** business day shall be the official deadline.

More information about **internal grants**, including instructions and the application forms, can be found [here.](#) CRP Policies, Standard Operating Procedures, and adjudication matrices can be found [here.](#)

**NOTE:**

To request an extension, please contact the Research Grants Coordinator, Marlene Ramos, at marlene.ramos1@msvu.ca

**Queen's University Grant Funding Database**

Queen's University has developed a searchable funding database of grants that are available to the public. Able to be searched by discipline and deadline, this website showcases 300+ available funding opportunities for those in Canada.

*To visit the webpage, [click here](#).*

**Alzheimer Society Research Awards**

The Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia is committed to supporting research into Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, as well as acknowledging the work of people who have chosen to do research

in this field. As a means of honouring this commitment, they are pleased to provide student research awards each year.

As of 2023, they are offering:

- One **graduate-level** Phyllis Horton Student Research Award valued at **$5,000**

- Two **undergraduate-level** Abe Leventhal Student Research Awards valued at **$1,500 each**

The deadline for application is **Sunday, April 16th, 2023**.

*For further information, please visit:* *https://alzheimer.ca/ns/en/researchawards*

**CIHR-PHAC Applied Public Health Chair**

CIHR and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) relaunched the Applied Public Health Chair program, which provides mid-career researchers with an opportunity to collaborate with decision-makers to improve health and health equity. Within this competition, IGH is supporting *Research Area 5 - 2SLGBTQI+ older adults.*

*Deadline (Letter of intent):* May 2, 2023

*Funds available:* $1,150,000 is available to fund one (1) application relevant to *Research Area 5 – 2SLGBTQI+ Older Adults.*

View full details

**National Women's Health Research Initiative - Funding Opportunity for Biomedical Discovery Grants**

The overarching vision of this Biomedical Discovery Grant funding opportunity is to support high risk, high reward research in high-priority areas of women's health research. This funding opportunity will support basic science and/or other types of preclinical studies that have the potential to make significant advancements in women's health. This funding opportunity encourages projects in areas that have been chronically underfunded and under-researched.

**Funds Available:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $2,000,000, enough to fund approximately 13 grants. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate. The maximum amount per grant is $150,000 for up to one year.

**Registration Deadline:** June 21, 2023

**View full details**

**Two Community-Based Research Funding Opportunities for the CIHR HIV/AIDS and STBBI Research Initiative**

The CIHR HIV/AIDS and STBBI Research Initiative has launched two community-based research (CBR) funding opportunities to strengthen and support a diverse, inclusive, and collaborative research community in order to create and mobilize knowledge for better and equitable prevention, testing, treatment, and care of HIV/AIDS and STBBI in Canada and around the world.

**Catalyst Grant:** Aims to provide seed money to support HIV and/or other STBBI CBR planning and development activities and/or research activities that represent a first step towards the pursuit of more comprehensive funding opportunities.

*Funds available:* $1 million is available to fund 10 grants for up to one year in General and Indigenous streams.

**Operating Grant:** Aims to contribute to the creation, dissemination and use of health-related knowledge, and to help develop research capacity, by supporting original, high-quality projects in partnership with the community and academia.

*Funds available:* $1.8 million is available to fund 4 grants for up to three years in

*Application deadlines:* May 2, 2023

**CIHR Research Excellence, Diversity, and Independence (REDI) Early Career Transition Award**

In late 2022, CIHR launched the Research Excellence, Diversity and Independence (REDI) Early Career Transition Award—a **funding opportunity** that will provide researchers with mentorship and early career support. The Institute of Gender and Health (IGH) is supporting one funding pool as part of the REDI award. The *Women's Health Funding Pool* will support one (1) project focused on using an intersectional lens to improve the health and well-being of women and gender-diverse people.

*Note:* For the first round of the REDI award, CIHR is focusing on Black folks and racialized women.

*Deadline:* May 3, 2023  **View full details**

**Knowledge Synthesis and Mobilization Grants in Brain Health and Aging**

CIHR is launching this funding opportunity to support the development of knowledge syntheses, using an equity, diversity and inclusion lens, to assess the current state of knowledge and evidence base, and identify strengths and gaps in research areas related to the promotion of brain health and risk reduction for age-related cognitive impairment.

Within this competition, IGH is supporting a pool on sex and gender differences.

**Funds Available:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $2.0M, enough to fund approximately twenty (20) grants. The maximum amount per grant is $100,000 per year, for one (1) year. Of the $2.0M, $100,000 is available from the Sex and Gender Differences pool to fund one (1) project.

**View full details.**

**Updates to Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA) program: Call for proposals**

*New opportunity — open all year:*

*1. Aix-Marseille Université (France — travel to Canada and/or travel from Canada)*

- Dates: open all year

- Level: Travel to Canada: full-time master's and PhD students or postdoctoral fellows; Travel from Canada: full-time senior undergraduate, master's and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows

- Themes: All disciplines

- Other requirements: N/A

- Eligible institutions: Aix-Marseille Université

- Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution

- Award amount: $6,000

- Application process and submission: Submit to Mitacs through the local Mitacs Advisor

*2. Consejo de Rectores de las Universidades Chilenas (CRUCH-FUDEA) (Chile — travel to Canada and/or travel from Canada)*

- Dates: January 23, 2023 to April 30, 2023 at 5 p.m. PT

- Level: Full-time senior undergraduate, master's and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows

- Themes: All disciplines

- Other requirements: N/A

- Eligible institutions:

    - Universidad de Santiago de Chile (USACH)

    - Universidad de La Frontera (UFRO)

    - Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN)

    - Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)

    - Universidad Católica del Maule (UCM)

    - Universidad de Concepción (UdeC)

- Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution

- *Award amount: $6,000*

- Application process and submission: Submit to Mitacs through the local Mitacs Advisor

# Research Data Management



**RDM at MSVU**

Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) is committed to meeting the challenges and opportunities involved in the responsible and effective management of research data. The University recognizes the central role of data in research, as data not only represents the outcome of research investigation but also provides a foundation for future research. The appropriate management of research data and facilitating appropriate access to that data form the basis of modern scholarship and discovery. Research data is an important asset that must be stewarded, protected, and appropriately safeguarded.

The RDM Working group finalized the **MSVU RDM Strategy** on February 9, 2023. To access this document, please click the following link: Research Data Management Strategy

*To learn more, visit https://www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/research-data-management-rdm/.*

**SSHRC RDM Capacity Building Initiative Extension**

SSHRC is extending the **Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative** to continue helping the Canadian social sciences and humanities research community better understand data management and incorporate data management considerations into research practices. This initiative will continue to fund at least ten meritorious Connection Grants proposals per competition to support the research community's development, adoption and dissemination of research data management standards, practices, tools and skills appropriate to their field. For more information, please contact SSHRC at partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

## Announcements



**Research Q&A**

Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan, the Associate Vice-President Research, and Tom Strapps, the Director of Facilities Management, will be hosting Research Question & Answer sessions in the winter semester.  The overarching purpose of  these meetings is to offer an informal, virtual meeting space where researchers can come and ask questions about research-related supports  ranging from research space to research funding.

*The next session is Thursday, April 20th, 2023 from 12:00-1:00 AST. If you are interested in attending, please contact elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca for more information.*

**Launch of the new CIHR "Health Research Explained" project**

CIHR is very excited to launch the new "Health Research Explained" project as part of the new science communication activities. With this project, they are aiming to demonstrate the role and value of health research in fun and accessible ways.

The project includes:

•        A fresh overview of CIHR and how our funding works;

•        New web content to describe health research (and each pillar!) in plain language;

•        More than 20 new research stories to showcase wonderful work happening across the country; and

•        Infographics to highlight the importance of health research.

CIHR is planning to add new materials to this collection over time, so stay tuned for news about videos and additional content soon.

**CIHR Mock Peer Review Toolkit**

A set of resources designed to support the planning and delivery of Mock Peer Review.

Who is the Toolkit for?

The Toolkit is intended to accommodate a wide range of audiences, from university administrators looking to host a mock peer review session at their institution, to trainees, such as PhDs and postdocs, looking to learn more about CIHR's peer review process. To find this toolkit, click the following link College of Reviewers: Mock Review Toolkit – Project Grant Competition

**Apply to Join the CIHR IGH Institute Advisory Board**

IGH is seeking new members to join our Institute Advisory Board (IAB). IABs provide invaluable advice to Scientific Directors across the full range of Institute activities and cross-Institute collaborations. As part of IGH's commitment to ensuring diverse viewpoints and expertise, we would particularly like to encourage applications from members who would add unique perspectives such as early career, gender diverse, Francophone, Indigenous, and racialized researchers and practitioners, as well as-community based research partners. We encourage you to consider applying or please share with colleagues you think would be a great addition to the IGH IAB.

*Deadline to apply:* April 25, 2023

**View full details about the process and how to apply**

**Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee**

In May 2021, the three federal granting agencies – the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) - launched the Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee (TAIPR) as a one-year pilot program. Applications were submitted to the committee via four participating Gateway Funding Opportunities: SSHRC Insight Grants, CIHR Fall and Spring Project Grant, and NSERC Discovery Horizons.

SSHRC is now pleased to announce that a fifth funding opportunity has been added to the pilot. Researchers applying to the SSHRC Insight Development Grants 2023 competition may now also direct their proposals to the Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee for review.

After a successful inaugural year, the agencies announced on May 12, 2022, that the pilot was officially extended for a second year. The first TAIPR Committee consisted of 36 interdisciplinary researchers who met over four sessions and adjudicated 106 applications: 16 Insight Grants, 14 Fall 2021 and 21 Spring 2022 Project Grants, and 55 Discovery Horizons projects. A total of 24 interdisciplinary projects were funded: 7 Insight Grants, 3 Fall 2021 and 4 Spring 2022 Project Grants, and 10 Discovery Horizons grants.

*For further information please visit the committee webpage Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee - CIHR (*cihr-irsc.gc.ca*)*

**Implementing Positive Change for Indigenous Peoples - SPOR Support Unit**

Hotıì ts'eeda (pronounced "ho-tee-tsay-dah") is the SPOR SUPPORT Unit in the Northwest Territories. Hosted by the Tłı̨chǫ Government, the SUPPORT Unit connects organizations and communities throughout the territory to achieve health research and training goals. Through an innovative project called Eɬet'à̀nìts'eɔah (pronounced "e-klet-a-neet-see-yah"), which means drawing on collective strength in the First Nations Tłı̨chǫ language, the SUPPORT Unit team is engaging Indigenous

communities in a conversation about how to implement the United Nations Declaration of Rights for Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) with a focus on promoting health and wellness.

*For more information, visit https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53136.html.*

**Nova Scotia Forestry Economic Task Force**

The NSFETF is currently in a knowledge gathering phase and is looking for support to better understand the 'social license' that the forestry sector works from. That is to say, what is the public sentiment(s) that drives the various positions regarding forestry practices in Nova Scotia. For more information, visit https://nsfetf.com/ or see the attached information.

*To learn more, please contact Ray.MacNeil@smu.ca.*

**EDI Video: Using Social Media to Recruit LGBT Research Participants**

Two members of the MSVU community have been featured in this SAGE Research Methods Video Collection on Research Ethics and Integrity. Phillip Joy, assistant professor, and Catherine Littler, research assistant, Mount Saint Vincent University, discuss using social media to recruit LGBT research participants, including research design, ethical approval, data collection, challenges faced, lessons learned, and recommendations. View this video at https://methods.sagepub.com/video/srmpromo/t6sgyb/using-social-media-to-recruit-lgbt-research-participants.

**Halifax Municipal Archives**

Halifax Municipal Archives is the official repository for historical municipal government records from Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford and the former County of Halifax, and also holds community records from the region. All researchers are welcome to view those records either here on-line, or through requests and visits to the Archives. **View archival material through the searchable online database at halifax.ca/archives or in person at 81 Ilsley Avenue, Unit 11, Dartmouth.** To book an appointment, email archives@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4643.

**NSERC's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Newest Resources**

NSERC is taking action to help the natural sciences and engineering (NSE) research communities contribute to a more equitable, diverse and inclusive research enterprise, with the launch of the NSERC guide on integrating equity, diversity and inclusion considerations in research. The new guide is designed to assist NSE researchers with applying a critical equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) lens in their work by providing guiding questions and examples relevant to their field of research. It includes two main sections:

1.     Guidance on embedding EDI considerations at each stage of the research process including: research questions, design of the study, methodology and data collection, analysis and interpretation and dissemination of results.

2.     EDI considerations for research teams, including: building teams, recruitment and retention, and the roles of team members throughout the course of the research project.

Since 2019, Alliance applicants must include EDI considerations in their training plan. A dedicated Alliance EDI resource was recently updated to further expand on the expectations of this mandatory evaluation criteria and provide applicants with examples of what concrete EDI best practices look like. Please contact resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca or alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca with any questions.

**CIHR French Peer Review Opportunities**

If you or someone you know can peer review applications in French, we hope you'll consider joining or nominating someone for the CIHR College of Reviewers.

 All peer reviewers are welcome, but CIHR has a particular need for clinician scientists and experts in the following areas:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular, respiratory and circulatory systems
- Digestive, endocrine and excretory systems
- Health services and systems
- Indigenous health
- Methods development and modelling
- Population and health

*For more information, [click here](#).*

**New Canadian Institutes of Health Research ELearning Series**

The  Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to announce  the launch of its eLearning series for reviewers new to CIHR and to its  peer review process.

This  series is comprised of two eLearning modules. "Introduction to CIHR"  will provide an overview of CIHR and its role as Canada's health  research investment agency and "Peer Reviewer at CIHR" will highlight  the fundamental elements of peer review at CIHR.

The first module, [Introduction to CIHR](#), covers the following topics:

- CIHR's purpose and role in the Canadian health research landscape
- CIHR's values and commitments to Canadians in the context of our 2021-2031 Strategic Plan
- The purpose and role of the 13 Institutes
- The 4 pillars of health research at CIHR
- How CIHR provides funding support to health researchers

 The second module, [Peer Review at CIHR](#), covers the following topics:

- The importance and purpose of peer review
- CIHR's principles of peer review
- The expectations of a peer reviewer at CIHR
- The different roles within peer review
- The purpose and role of the College of Reviewers

The series was developed through feedback  received from reviewers and in consultation with health researchers and  internal stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please contact college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

**Discover Awards for Science & Innovation; Call for Nominations**

Discovery Centre is seeking nominations for the 2023 Discovery Awards for Science & Innovation. Our nominees and recipients put science achievement in the minds of our community members, creating a culture of innovation and serving as role models for our next generation. Complete the form online at

**The Nomination Categories -**

Professional of Distinction – An individual who is a leading innovator, a role model for people who choose science as a career

Science Champion – An individual, organization, or program that promotes science and technology education and STEM careers and/or makes science better understood by the public

Innovation – A company that has produced a commercially viable product or service and is either ready to bring it to market or has successfully done so

Emerging Professional – An individual who is early in their career and demonstrates research excellence, knowledge sharing, and potential for ongoing growth and development

To learn more, visit the Discovery Awards website: https://discoveryawards.ca/ or contact Linda Laurence (llaurence AT thediscoverycentre.ca).

**IGH Listening Tour: Coming Soon to a City Near You!**

The Institute of Gender and Health wants to hear from you!

Under the leadership of their new Scientific Director, Dr. Angela Kaida, IGH is embarking on a Listening Tour and national planning process to co-create a new strategic plan to guide their collaborative work.

Beginning in spring 2023, the IGH team will travel to major cities across Canada to meet with researchers, including trainees and early career researchers, community organizations, healthcare professionals and many other partners, with options for virtual participation.

They will also hold virtual focus groups with the Sex and Gender Science Chairs, the Sex and Gender Science Champions Virtual Community of Practice, IGH Trainee Network, and recipients of the Indigenous Gender and Wellness Team Grants, 2S/LGBTQI+ Support and Catalyst Grants, and other research teams. For those who can't attend, an online survey will be available.

*They want to know:* How can they best foster research excellence regarding the influence of sex and gender on health? What is your vision for achieving health equity for women and girls, boys and men, and gender-diverse people? What Sex and Gender Science priorities do you think should be centered in the next strategic plan?

*Save the date: The first stop will be in Vancouver, British Columbia on April 3 – 4, 2023.*

Stay tuned for additional Listening Tour dates and locations across the country.

**Please see the below message from the CIHR Program Design and Delivery team:**

"We are seeking peer reviewers for the CIHR Research Excellence, Diversity and Independence (REDI) Early Career Transition Award funding competition.

We  know you are busy, but we hope you will consider participating in this  important process—or sharing this call-out with a colleague who you  think may be interested. We are aiming to put together a diverse peer  review committee for this competition, including but not limited to  French speakers, racialized women, and Black people.

As  for the qualifications needed, we are looking for reviewers who have  experience with writing grants and with peer review, have knowledge of  CIHR's mandate, and hold an academic/professional appointment.

The  committee meeting will be held for three days during the week of July  17th. Exact dates are to be determined. If you are interested in  participating, please email your CV to REDI-EDIR@cihr-irsc.gc.ca."

# THE C●NVERSATION

**MSVU's The Conversation Membership**

MSVU is a member of the publishing site, The Conversation. The Conversation Canada is a unique digital publication that combines academic and journalistic expertise – the result is a new style of journalism that also acts as a distinct form of knowledge mobilization. The Conversation Canada publishes in English and French and in 2021, its articles had more than 40 million views. The Research Office, the Library, and University Relations have formed a partnership for this initiative and following discussions with the CEO of The Conversation, Scott White, we have agreed to a 1-year trial membership. There will be training for faculty on how to best utilize the platform in the coming months.

Many of the funding partners of The Conversation say this form of public scholarship has helped raised the profile of academics, their research, and their universities among the general public, including those outside of their geographic region. The Conversation Canada has a large international readership in addition to its Canadian viewers.

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Join us on April 12th from 12:30-1:30 p.m. AST via Microsoft Teams to learn more about writing for The Conversation Canada. This session will include hearing from published members of MSVU Faculty, learning about our institutional analytics, tips and tricks for writing, copyright, and more! Contact research.comms@MSVU.ca to RSVP.

**MSVU Writing Centre Support**

The MSVU Writing Centre offers weekly faculty one-to-one editorial support! These sessions take place in-person or online, on Fridays from September to April, and with wider flexibility between July and August. To book, contact clare.goulet@msvu.ca.

**Recent MSVU Articles:**

- Shannan Grant, Andrea J. Glenn, Dayna Lee-Baggley, **"3 ways to unlock the power of food to promote heart health"**. Read more at the following link https://theconversation.com/3-ways-to-unlock-the-power-of-food-to-promote-heart-health-20022

- Keira O'Neil and Jennifer E. Khoury, "Pregnant during the pandemic: Long-term effects and the importance of social support". Read more at the following link, https://theconversation.com/pregnant-during-the-pandemic-long-term-effects-and-the-importance-of-social-support-197516

- Meredith Ralston and Gayle MacDonald, "Mass Casualty Commission report details the Nova Scotia shooter's abuse of sex workers". Read more at the following link, https://theconversation.com/mass-casualty-commission-report-details-the-nova-scotia-shooters-abuse-of-sex-workers-202228

## IT&S Cybersecurity Tips



**Smashing Smishing: SMS Text Message Scams**

When a scammer sends phishing texts, it's called "smishing" for "SMS phishing". A recent job scam on campus involved a web form that asked for your email address, password, and cell phone number. The scammers then logged into people's Office 365 accounts with the password, and then texted that person to ask for the multifactor authentication (MFA) code that Office 365 sent to their phone. With the password and the MFA code, the scammers could log into their Mount account, which they used to send more job scam and phishing emails. IT&S will never text you asking for your MFA codes. Your MFA codes are for your eyes only, so never share them with anyone. Smishing texts can have the same red flags as phishing emails. Learn more on our website or by taking our free cybersecurity training course.

**One Phish, Two Phish, Three Phish**

Emails that fish for your credit card number, SIN, or password are called "phishing". Recent phishing emails at MSVU claimed that you requested to terminate your account, and that if you didn't click a suspicious link to verify your account, then IT&S would terminate it. IT&S never sends threatening emails like this, and we never ask you to click account verification links. The link opened a web form asking for your email address, password, and cell phone number. Learn the red flags of phishing emails on our website or by taking our free cybersecurity training course.

**Research Cybersecurity Courses**

Industry Canada provides two free research cybersecurity courses called "Introduction to Research Security" and "Cyber Security for Researchers." Each course has a duration of approximately 30 to 40 minutes, and at the end of each you can download a certificate of completion. You can access the courses on the Industry Canada Safeguarding Your Research website.

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