



December Research Bulletin

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The Research Office wants to hear from you!

Please consider completing this [Research Office Feedback Survey](#).

The purpose of this survey is to seek your feedback on the types of supports you are currently receiving from the Research Office and what types of support that you believe would be most beneficial for your program of research. Your responses are confidential and will be presented in aggregate form as a report for use in strategic planning processes for the Research Office. The Research Office welcomes feedback.

Please submit your responses by Thursday, December 21, 2023.

If you would like to set up a meeting with Dr. Jacquie Gahagan, AVPR, to discuss your feedback, please contact Lis at: elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca

Special Edition Research Bulletin: Out Now

The Research Office is excited to announce the launch of the Special Edition Research Bulletin! The purpose of this Special Edition Research Bulletin is to showcase the ways in which research has shaped MSVU's rich 150-year history, from the establishment of the Research Office in 1974 to the present research chairs. Inspired by the first Research Bulletin, published in January 1980, the bulletin highlights the history of research at MSVU as well as current research that is being conducted on campus. [Read the online version on Issu.](#)

Events & Webinars



MSVU Research Office Events

- **December 8th 10:00-11:30 AST Research Celebration**

Help us celebrate your research! Join us December 8th from 10:00-11:30 in the McCain Atrium for this Research Celebration event, we will be assembling a slideshow presentation featuring faculty research highlights. If you are interested in adding your research highlights, please submit your information via our [submission form](#). Researchers are welcome to list any research achievements or research successes that have occurred in 2022 and 2023 (e.g., publications, successful grants, research awards, a special research project, or any other research successes you would like to share with your colleagues).

RSVP by contacting elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca

- **January 31st 11:00-1:00 Tackling Bots and Trolls in Research**

Save the date for our first event of the Winter semester! This session will help you gain the knowledge and skills necessary to tackle bots & trolls you may encounter in your research endeavors. More information to come! Contact elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca if you have any questions and stay tuned for more information.

Other MSVU Events

- **Thursday, December 7, 5:00 PM - MSVU Holiday Tree Lighting**

Everyone is welcome at MSVU Holiday Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 7, 2023, starting at 5 p.m. in front of the Seton Academic Centre. We'll light the tree, sing some carols and then head inside to the Seton Lobby for hot chocolate and cookies, as well as children's activities.

Nancy's Chair Candidates: Community Presentations

(A message from Carrie Dawson, Dean of Arts & Sciences) - The Selection Committee for the next Nancy's Chair invites you to join us at the candidates' Community Presentations.

- **12:00 - 1:00 p.m., December 5 (McCain 302):** Dr. Mary Rita Holland, "Managing maintenance, memories, and meaning at home: understanding the emotional labour of family caregivers in Nova Scotia"
- **2:30 - 3:30 p.m., December 8 (Rosaria 312):** Dr. Salimah Valiani, "Cancelling apocalypse by risking to envision (Part 2)"
- **1:00 - 2:00 p.m., December 11 (Rosaria 401):** Dr. Gabrielle Bardall, "Fund Her Run: How to Overcome Gender Barriers to Election Campaign Financing"
- **Monday, December 11, 12:00-1:00 Designing Assessments that Avoid AI - led by Michael McGuire, TLC** There is no way to "ChatGPT proof" your assignments. However, there are instructional strategies that can promote intrinsic motivation, focus on process instead of product, and make use of alternatives to writing. This session will look at alternative approaches to assessment that will help you discourage students from using AI in their submitted work. Resources will also be shared. [Join via Teams!](#) (This session will be recorded)
- **Wednesday, December 13, 12:00-1:00 Designing Assessments that Embrace AI - led by Aaron Matte, TLC** Generative AI can be seen as an educational technology. The best way to encourage students to use it wisely is to offer them supportive guided instruction on its use. This session will offer strategies on how to incorporate AI into your assignments and your classroom. It will suggest ways to encourage students to be more critical and reflective in the ways that they engage with AI and AI outputs. Resources will also be shared. [Join via Teams!](#) (This session will be recorded)
- **Thursday December 21, 12:00-1:00 President's Holiday Luncheon** - On behalf of Dr. Joël Dickinson, President and Vice-Chancellor, you are invited to the President's Holiday Luncheon being held on **Thursday, December 21** in the Multi-Purpose Room, Rosaria Student Centre, from **12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Enjoy a festive turkey dinner (okay, festive for all but the turkey) with all the trimmings as we celebrate the holiday season with friends and colleagues – both old and new. RSVP via email to presidents.office@msvu.ca by December 15, and in responding, please be sure to advise as to any dietary concerns. The University will officially close for the holidays on Thursday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m. and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

External Events

- **December 12 & 14 Government engagement workshop**

Do you find yourself challenged, when engaging with government policy makers, to understand how best for your research to have an impact on public policy? Or are you interested in learning more about how government works so that you will be better able to engage when the need arises? Do you want your research to be relevant and have impact on public policy?

To register for one or both sessions, please contact Ray MacNeil (CLARI Network Manager) at ray.macneil@smu.ca:

- **Tuesday Dec 12, 9:00-11:00 AM**
- **Thursday Dec 14, 10:00-12:00 PM**

Topics will include:

- Outline of the relevant decision making processes within the provincial government
- Outline of the general structures, processes and procedures involved in policy development
- Clarifying the context for research and its potential within government departments
- Enhance participants understanding of the communication and connection needs
- Practical methods to enhance productive engagement with government Departments

About the facilitator

Jim Baker spent 30 years working in the Nova Scotia Provincial Government, 13 years of which he served as a Senior Policy Adviser and Cabinet Advisor in Government's Executive Council Office.

Funding Opportunities



Internal Grants

[*Read more about internal grants, including instructions and the application forms.*](#)

[*Read more about CRP Policies, Standard Operating Procedures, and adjudication matrices.*](#)

January 15

- President's Special Conference Fund (*deadline extended*)
- Research Excellence Award (*deadline extended*)
- MSVU Undergraduate Research Assistantship
- Tri-Agency USRAs (Summer Term): NSERC USRA, CIHR and SSHRC USRA Designated Awards
- CFI JELF (internal deadline)

Open Submission

- New Scholar's Grant
- Assistance to Prepare a Large-Scale Collaborative Grant

NOTES:

- To request an extension, please contact research@msvu.ca.
- If the posted deadline for internal competitions falls on a weekend or holiday, the **next** business day shall be the official deadline.
- NSERC USRA's are valued at \$6,000, supervising faculty are responsible for securing funding for USRA salaries for the outstanding amount

Tri-Agency Funding Opportunities:

CIHR

Upcoming Opportunities:

[Canadian Brain Health and Cognitive Impairment in Aging Research Knowledge Mobilization \(KM\) Hub](#)

[Evaluation of Programs, Services and Innovative Models of Care for People Impacted by Dementia](#)

[CIHR Pan-Canadian Network for HIV/AIDS and STBBI Clinical Trials Research](#)

For a comprehensive list of current CIHR funding opportunities, please click on the following link: [ResearchNet](#) or the CIHR website: [Upcoming funding opportunities - CIHR \(cihr-irsc.gc.ca\)](http://upcoming.funding.opportunities-cihr.cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

SSHRC

SSHRC - Current Opportunities

- **February Application Deadline:**

[Connection Grants](#)

[Insight Development Grants](#)

[Partnership Grants—Stage 1](#)

- **March Application Deadline:**

[Partnership Engage Grants](#)

- **April Application Deadline:**

[SSHRC Impact Awards](#)

NSERC

- **December Application Deadline**

[Arthur B. McDonald Fellowship](#)

- **January Application Deadline**

[College and Community Innovation Program – Technology Access Centre grants](#)

*Registration Deadline 09/06/2023

- **No Application Deadline**

[NSERC - Alliance International \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](#)

[NSERC - Alliance Quantum grants \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](#)

[NSERC Indigenous Student Ambassadors \(NISA\)](#)

The call for nominations is now open for all NSERC Prizes

Nominations are now being accepted for all NSERC Prizes as per their new competition cycle. The deadlines to submit a nomination for each of the Prizes are as follows:

December 14, 2023

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- [Arthur B. McDonald Fellowships](#)
 - [Synergy Awards for Innovation](#)

[Learn more about the nomination process.](#)

Other External Funding Opportunities:

- **Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF) – 2024 Call**

The CFI's John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF) enables a select number of an institution's excellent researchers to undertake leading-edge research by providing them with the foundational research infrastructure required to be or become leaders in their field. In turn, this enables institutions to remain internationally competitive in areas of research and technology development, aligned with their strategic priorities. MSVU receives a three-year allocation of CFI-JELF Funding through the Small Institution Fund. The current cycle is 2020-2023.

Internal Deadline: January 15, May 15 (*advise Research Office asap of intent to apply*)

External Deadline: February 15, June 15

- **SSHRC-PHAC joint initiative**

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), in partnership with SSHRC, has launched the new Partnership Engage Grants joint initiative, entitled "Advancing Socio-Economic Research for Evidence-Informed Public Health Decision-Making", to identify and advance socio-economic research for evidence-based public health decision-making on selected public health priority topics in Canada.

The joint initiative provides short-term and timely support for partnered research activities that will inform public health decision-making and are grouped under 6 broad categories with specific research themes in each category. Applicants are required to apply to 1 of the 12 specific themes.

The Partnership Engage Grants funded through this joint initiative will be valued at \$7000 to \$25,000 for 1 year, and PHAC aims to fund up to 12 grants. SSHRC will administer the funding opportunity and will work with PHAC to promote the funding opportunity to researchers in all fields.

For more information about this funding opportunity, including application instructions, please visit the [PHAC website](#).

Application deadline: December 15.

- **Call for applications to the Immunization Partnership Fund**

As part of the Government of Canada's ongoing efforts to address vaccine hesitancy, increase vaccine uptake, reduce disparities in vaccination coverage and combat the spread of vaccine-related misinformation and disinformation, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has launched a [funding opportunity](#) with the Immunization Partnership Fund (IPF).

This process is competitive. Successful applicants will be provided funding for projects that aim to increase confidence in and uptake of vaccinations, particularly among certain priority populations. These populations include those who face greater barriers to vaccination, higher rates of vaccine hesitancy, or increased susceptibility to serious illness associated with vaccine preventable diseases.

The IPF welcomes a wide range of organizations to apply, such as local community-based organizations and health centres, health professional organizations, Indigenous and ethnocultural organizations, municipalities and public health authorities, provinces, territories and organizations with national and/or regional reach.

Key [eligibility and application requirements](#) and details on how to apply can be found on the [Call for Applications website](#).

Letter of Intent: 2:00pm EST, November 10, 2023.

Full application deadline: 2:00pm EST, January 31st

- **Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS) Program**

The Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS) Program at the Department of National Defence (DND) is dedicated to promoting collaboration between DND and the external expert community, including academia, and support researchers and students in their pursuit of knowledge and innovation, to inform defence policy as well as national and public discussions in the areas of defence and security.

These opportunities are open to researchers, and students, intended to foster a community of scholars dedicated to advancing research and thinking in defence and security.

The [MINDS-SSHRC joint scholarship initiative](#) offers a range of scholarships and fellowships designed to support research talent, including among Indigenous students. Multi-year funding is available for Doctoral (**\$35,000 per year**) and Post-Doctoral students (**\$45,000 per year**), with award supplements for Master's students (**\$10,000**). Full, one-year Master's awards are available for Indigenous students whose studies relate to defence and security (**\$17,500**). We encourage interested students to find further details on these scholarships by visiting the official SSHRC website at: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/dnd-minds-eng.aspx>

Our [Targeted Engagement Grants](#) present an opportunity for researchers to receive non-recurring financial support of **up to \$50,000**, enabling them to pursue impactful projects, such as conferences, workshops and research papers. More comprehensive information on Targeted Engagement Grants can be found [here](#).

Additionally, the [Young MINDS Grant](#) provides **up to \$10,000** in financial support for currently enrolled undergraduate and Master's students undertaking research projects in defence and security.

- **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.](#)

Mitacs

Mitacs powers research & development creation by connecting private sector with the best post-secondary institutions to solve organizational challenges — in Canada and internationally. For 20 years, Mitacs has funded cutting-edge research, created job opportunities for graduate students and helped companies reach their goals, achieving results that have bolstered the Canadian economy and impact.

[Get in touch with Mitacs](#)

[Learn more about Mitacs](#)

New opportunity — call for proposals:

1. Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) (Japan—travel from Canada)

- Dates: October 18 to November 30, 2023
- Level: Full-time master's and PhD students and postdoctoral fellows
- Themes: All disciplines
- Other requirements: Participants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada
- Eligible institutions: All universities and research institutes in Japan based on JSPS projects
- Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution
- Award amount: \$3,000 CAD + 534,000 yen + flight costs
- Duration and time of internship: 9 weeks – mid-June to mid-August 2024
- Application process and submission: Submit to Mitacs through the local Mitacs Advisor

Note: for this call, applicants are asked to use the old application forms. Please contact research@msvu.ca for the full package.

[Read the full call!](#)

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

[Mitacs Elevate](#) is now accepting proposals **all year round** to unlock more opportunities and flexibility for postdoc researchers across the globe! PLUS, one-year proposals are now accepted for a standard **\$60,000 award** and projects are open to all disciplines.

Change Lab Action Research CLARI

CLARI supports local research partnerships between community partners and faculty/ student researchers. We do this by connecting communities to expertise in our partner institutions and enabling collaboration through our grant funding.

[Get in touch with CLARI](#)

[Read more about CLARI](#)

Research Nova Scotia

Research Nova Scotia supports, organizes, and coordinates research. With the curiosity to imagine a better world, and the determination to make it real, we champion the people and resources needed to improve the lives of Nova Scotians.

NOTE: *Research Nova Scotia has sent us stickers of their new logo for equipment purchased with RNS matching funds. If you have RNS funded equipment, come by the Research Office (EVR 223) to pick up your sticker.*

[Contact RNS](#)

[Read more about RNS](#)

Industry Liaison Office

The Industry Liaison Office (ILO) facilitates research relationships between faculty members and government departments, private companies industrial associations and international agencies.

*The ILO fosters and supports **joint research initiatives**, assists faculty in research contract development, intellectual property protection and private sector sponsorship. We also establish collaborations between researchers and external partners and license technologies to industry. Mount Saint Vincent University is a member of [Springboard Atlantic](#), a regional commercialization and industry liaison network.*

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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.

[Read more on Queen's University webpage.](#)

Announcements



Calls for awards, nominations, presenters and more!

Call for applications 2024 grants and awards:

- *President's Conference Fund – January 15th*
 - *Research Excellence Award – January 15th*
 - *MSVU Undergraduate Research Assistantship – January 15th*
 - *Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) John R. Evans Leaders Fund – February 15th*
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Reach out to research@msvu.ca if you have any questions about these or any other funding opportunities.

Call for MSVU Dimensions Chair

The MSVU Dimensions Committee is looking for a Chair starting in January 2024.

As of April, MSVU was named a member of the Dimensions program which publicly recognize postsecondary institutions seeking to increase equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in their environments and across the research ecosystem.

The Dimensions Committee will meet monthly throughout the academic year to discuss how to continue to move this initiative forward, specifically the actions within our [Dimensions Action Plan](#).

If you are interested, please contact elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca!

Science Exposed 2024 Now Open!

Eye-catching images coming from research projects from all fields **can be submitted until January 30, 2024**. The individuals or groups that have the most successfully combined creativity and science will be awarded one of the many cash prizes. The contest is organized by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and Acfas. [Learn how to apply!](#)*

Join us in spreading the word and showcasing this research promotion activity by sending an email to your networks and posting the contest visual on your social media platforms. Promotional materials can be easily downloaded from the [Science Exposed Promotional tool kit](#). Please use #ScienceExposed in your communications!

**with the exception of the arts*

Call for Presentations: Research Over Coffee

Are you an expert researcher in a topic of interest to Nova Scotians? Does your work grapple with issues confronting municipal, provincial, or federal governments? Research Nova Scotia (RNS) wants to hear from you! RNS is seeking interested academics for their 2023-24 Research Over Coffee series.

Research Nova Scotia and Dalhousie University launched the webinar series Research Over Coffee in 2020 to enable Nova Scotia researchers to share their expertise on pressing issues with government decision makers. The audience is typically 30 to 60 people, and has included elected municipal, provincial and federal representatives; senators; deputy ministers and senior public service staff, and academic VPs from across Nova Scotia.

If you're interested in presenting your research to government stakeholders, please send a 250-word overview of your presentation to stephanie.reid@researchns.ca.

In-House Researcher Expertise Database

To better connect MSVU researchers with media inquiries, the Research Office maintains a comprehensive database of our in-house researcher expertise. Please take a moment to fill out this brief form regarding your research interest and expertise (MSVU sign-in required), and contact research@msvu.ca if you have any questions.

Researcher Database Form

Call for Nominations, Black and Indigenous Speaker Series

MSVU is accepting nominations for the Black and Indigenous Speaker Series.

Speakers nominated for the series should:

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

[More information](#)

Global Excellence Initiative- Universities Canada

Launched in 2012 by former Governor General of Canada David Johnston, the Global Excellence Initiative promotes the recognition of Canadian research talent on the international stage by identifying and offering assistance to meritorious candidates for prestigious national and international awards.

Universities Canada has managed the initiative since October 1, 2017.

Universities Canada's support for universities, hospitals, research institutes and corporate and government laboratories to raise the profile of their top researchers, also includes:

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- *Offering two up-to-date inventories of prestigious national and international research awards; [Canadian inventory](#) [International inventory](#)*
 - *Supporting organizations in [building compelling dossiers](#) on their candidates during the application process for research awards;*
 - *Coordinating [external reviews of candidates' nomination dossiers](#); and*
 - *Proposing a [path to success](#) for researchers.*
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[Read the Global Excellence Initiative Brochure](#)

Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee

*SSHRC is pleased to announce that a **fifth funding opportunity** has been added to the **Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee 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

Hotì 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 Ełet'ànìts'eᖅah (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. [Learn more!](#)

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

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/>.

For questions on Research Data Management, contact sandra.sawchuk@msvu.ca.

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.

First-of-its-kind open textbook on RDM in Canada

[Read the Research Data Management in the Canadian Context: A Guide for Practitioners and Learners](#) (Kristi Thompson et al., eds.). This textbook is an open, peer-reviewed textbook for RDM in Canada. Over 50 members of Canada's DRI community, including francophone and Indigenous members, were involved in the development of the textbook, making it a truly national, networked, collaborative and community-based initiative. The textbook is currently available in English, with a French edition forthcoming.

Research Management Online Survey

As part of a wider Nova Scotia Open Research project, members of the Visnea organization are **asking** for participants in a Research Management Online Survey. This [Online survey](#), which should take no more than 20 minutes and can be anonymous, or participants can leave their email if they wish to be entered into a draw for one of the three \$50 Tim Horton's gift cards. Please feel free to share this with any colleagues in Nova Scotia. Any questions can be directed to m.pawlowska@visnea.org.

Qualitative Data Sharing (QDS) Toolkit

Looking for tips and tricks for qualitative data sharing? Check out this new Qualitative Data Sharing (QDS) Toolkit webpage. This page provides a map of the key steps and considerations for study planning, data collection and management, and depositing research data in a data repository. These resources will help overcome some common obstacles to qualitative data sharing and help you incorporate it into your project from the earliest stages.

[View the full toolkit!](#)

THE CONVERSATION

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.

[Read more about The Conversation Canada](#)

Not sure how to upload your research to The Conversation? We are here to support you!

Click on the following link to learn more about becoming an author for The Conversation, [Become an author - The Conversation](#)

Visit our Research News website to read our blog titled, Showcase Your Knowledge: How to Publish on The Conversation Canada! To do so, click the following link <https://researchcomms.wixsite.com/msvu-research-office>

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.

MSVU Articles in October:

- Dr. Philip Joy and Kinda Wassef, "Pup Play: Kink communities can help people build connections and improve their body image". [Read the full article.](#)
- Dr. Andrea Fraser, "Reading disabilities are a human rights issue — Saskatchewan joins calls to address barriers". [Read the full article.](#)

- Dr. Meredith Ralston "Hak pekerja seks: hukum seharusnya tidak dibuat berdasarkan keyakinan moral pribadi". [Read the full article.](#)

Resources & Tips



[MSVU's EDIA Hub](#)

The EDIA Hub is a central spot where all members of the MSVU community can learn about the equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility (EDIA) resources available at the university, as well as community and cultural resources available beyond MSVU.

For students, faculty and staff from historically underrepresented groups, the hub provides a safe space where you can access the resources you need to support your success at MSVU.

[Learn more about the EDIA Hub.](#)

The 50-30 Challenge

The 50-30 Challenge Team is proud to release several new resources to help build the capacity of organizations, including:

Resources to Recruit: Unlock the power of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in your organization.

Resources to Retain: Retain and nurture diverse talent for organizational success.

Resources to Include: Foster the growth and development of diverse talent within your organization.

You can now access additional tools from the [What Works Toolkit](#), which includes:

- Comprehensive learning e-modules and microlearnings
- Templates, checklists, sample documents and more

[Read more about all resources available.](#)

[Sign up for the 50-30 Challenge mailing list!](#)

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 PhD's and postdocs, looking to learn more about CIHR's peer review process. [College of Reviewers: Mock Review Toolkit – Project Grant Competition](#)

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.

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.

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.

If you have specific items you would like to see listed, or any issues accessing these documents, please contact elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca!

- [Research and Special Projects Handbook](#)
 - [Responsible Conduct of Research Policy](#)
 - [MSVU Research Resources Intranet](#)
 - [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](#)
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IT&S Cybersecurity Tips

Online Research Security Courses

Industry Canada provides three free research security courses called “Introduction to Research Security,” “Cyber Security for Researchers,” and “Safeguarding Research Partnerships with Open Source Due Diligence.” 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](#).

You can also [sign up for free MSVU cybersecurity training!](#)

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](#).

Safeguarding Science Awareness Sessions and Workshops

The Safeguarding Science initiative delivers interactive workshops to academic and scientific institutions across Canada. The workshops aim to raise awareness within Canada's scientific and academic communities of the risks of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear proliferation, the potential for the proliferation of dual-use technology, cyber security and best practices in maintaining a security-conscious research organization.

[Learn more!](#)

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.

Social Media Safety Tips

Social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok are means of staying connected with friends and sources of entertainment, but they do come with some risk to your privacy. TikTok especially has been in the news lately, but this new [social media safety tips webpage](#) can apply to any social media site.

TikTok Note: Some Canadian governments and organizations have banned TikTok from being installed on their managed devices, including the governments of Nova Scotia and Canada. MSVU recognizes that departments do use TikTok for a variety of purposes. *It is recommended that you use TikTok through your web browser.* Please contact the [IT&S Help Desk](#) with any questions on using TikTok on MSVU devices.

Fishy File Shares Phishing

Scammers sometimes use legitimate file sharing services like OneDrive, Dropbox, and Google Drive to spread malicious files and steal passwords. The brand name of these services lends credibility to the phishing emails, and to make it even more convincing, they use hacked accounts at other universities to send their phishing email, and in the body of the message they refer to MSVU or people at MSVU. Recently, faculty have received phishing emails from Google Docs and Google Forums mentioning the University President in the body of the email and linking to a file with the word MSVU in the filename. Beware of emails from the Google platform, and other cloud services, even if they refer to people you know. Were you expecting it? Who is it really from? It may be another trick to steal your password or infect you with a computer virus. If you are unsure if an email is malicious or legitimate, report it with [the Report a Phish button in Outlook](#) or forward it to phishing@msvu.ca and IT&S can review it for you.

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