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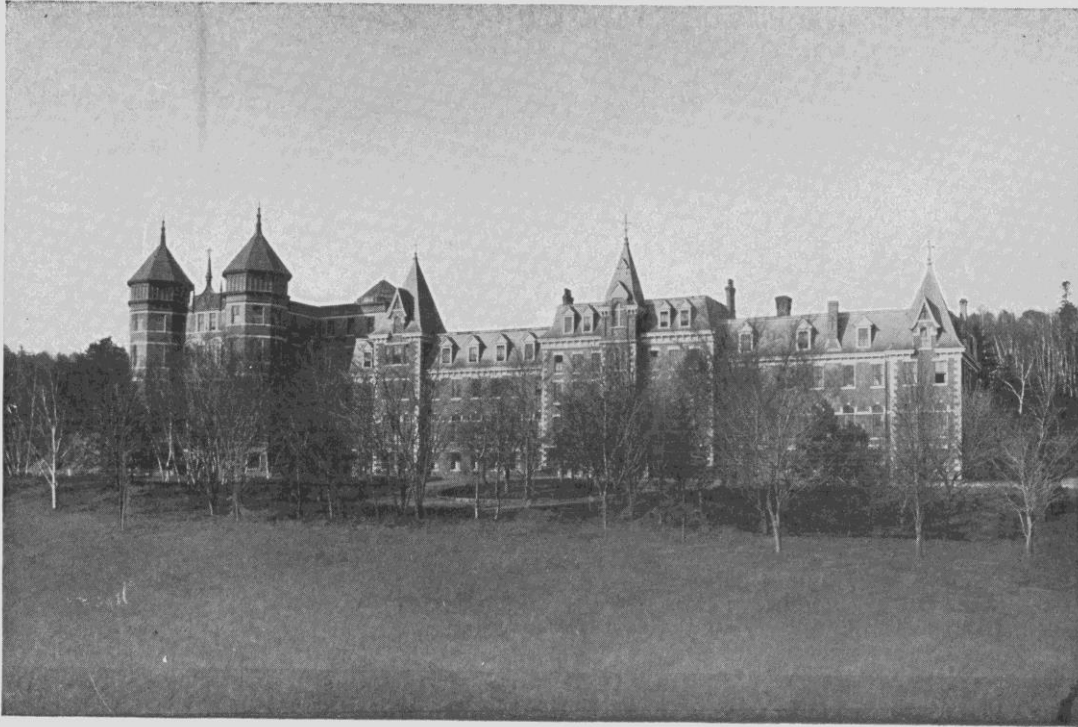
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Halifax, Nova Scotia



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Events & Webinars



Black and Indigenous Speaker Series

We are thrilled to announce MSVU's Black and Indigenous Speaker Series will be up and running in the Winter semester!

Dr. Keisha Jefferies, our first speaker, will be presenting on *Monday February 13th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm (AST)*. Dr. Jefferies is an African Nova Scotian nurse scientist. The title of her talk is African Nova Scotian Grit: A Scholarly Personal Narrative About Nursing Leadership. 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/> or send an email to speakerseries@msvu.ca

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

EDIA In Research: A Fireside Chat

Join us on *March 21st from 10:30 am-12:30 pm* for an informal conversation on incorporating the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA) in research. Hear from a number of our Research Chairs on their thoughts, and help us celebrate our new Strategic Research Plan.

Please RSVP to elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca. The location for this hybrid event will be announced in the coming days.

To learn more about equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility in research, visit <https://www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/equity-diversity-and-inclusion-in-research/>

Nova Scotia Health Research Webinar on Anti-Black Racism and Public Health

Anti-Black racism is a specific form of racism, rooted in the colonial history and practice of enslavement, that continues to impact the lives of Black people, regardless of whether they have a specific lineage to the enslaved in Canada, or if they are recent comers to Canada. Policies and practices rooted in Canadian institutions such as, health care, education, and justice mirror and reinforce beliefs, attitudes, prejudice, stereotyping and/or discrimination towards people of African descent and lead to a lack of equitable access, opportunities and outcomes for Black people.

Recognizing the need for specialized public health education and action in this area, the NCCDH is partnering with the [Black Health Education Collaborative](#), a community of scholars and practitioners committed to improving Black health through education and research. This partnership will offer the Canadian public health community an important capacity building opportunity in the form of a three-part interactive webinar series. In this series, participants will explore how anti-Black racism impacts health and identify concrete opportunities for public health action.

Who should attend?

- Public health practitioners, professionals, policy makers and decision makers
- Instructors and educators
- Students
- Researchers
- Others interested in building their individual and organizational capacity to disrupt anti-Black racism

Webinars in this series:

Part 1: [#BlackLivesMatter in public health: Critical race theory, historical roots and legacies of anti-Black racism](#). | February 1st, 2023 | 1:00pm – 2:30pm ET

Part 2: [Anti-Black racism: A look at the social and physiological health impacts of injustice](#). | March 1st, 2023 | 1:00pm – 2:30pm ET

Part 3: [Uprooting anti-Black racism: Strategies and approaches for public health](#). | March 29th, 2023 | 1:00pm – 2:30pm ET

To register, visit the following link

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DsWKZeCxTlSq196sB_duWA

Digital Research Alliance of Canada Humanities and Social Sciences Winter Series

February 14-17th, the Digital Research Alliance of Canada (Alliance) and the Alliance Federation will be offering an introductory digital research tools webinar series for humanities, arts and social sciences researchers.

These are beginner-level sessions. *No prior experience or knowledge is required.*

Tools available through the Alliance and Federation will be discussed, as well as some out-of-the-box tools available to Canadian researchers, and additional information and techniques relevant for digital research projects.

You may register for as many or as few of the sessions as you wish. Program details and registration links can be found at <https://hss23.netlify.app/>

For further information, contact hss-series@gw.alliancecan.ca

AI and Academia: The End of the Essay?

Online discussion hosted by the Maple League. Presenter Dani Lametti, is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Acadia University and a Senior Advisor to the technology company OneReach where he founded the OneReach Academic Fellowship for conversational AI.

Tuesday, January 31 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. [Register Here](#)

Funding Opportunities



Current CIHR Funding Opportunities

- [Team Grants: Intervention Trial in Inflammation for Chronic Conditions - Evidence to Impact](#)
- [The Joint Canada-Israel Health Research Program - Phase II - 2022-2023 competition](#)
- [The National Women's Health Research Initiative: Funding opportunity for a Pan-Canadian Women's Health Coalition](#)
- [Café Scientifique Program](#)
- [NSERC USRA](#)

See an up-to-date list of current funding opportunities from CIHR at <https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/search.do?fodAgency=CIHR&fodLanguage=E&all=1&search=true&org=CIHR&sort=program&masterList=true&view=currentOpps>.

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](#).

Tri-Agency and CFI:

February 8, 2023 CIHR Operating Grant

February 10, 2023 SSHRC Partnership Grant- Stage 1

February 15, 2023 CFI-Unaffiliated

Feb 17, 2023 (Institution's extended deadline) USRA (Undergraduate Student Research Award)

Research Nova Scotia:

February 9, 2023 Scotia Scholars Undergraduate Award

February 10, 2023 (1st Intake) Atlantic Climate Research Collaboration

Ukrainian Emergency Research Support Program- for more information please contact Heather Desserud, Director of Strategy heather.desserud@researchns.ca

CLARI

Rolling deadline, for more information contact Ray MacNeil, CLARI Network Manager at clari@smu.ca

Upcoming Internal Grant Deadlines

March 1 2023 CN Student Research Internship

April 1 2023 SSHRC Exchange/Explore

April 1, 2023 Book Launches

April 1, 2023 Aid to Scholarly Publications and Communications

April 5, 2023 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](#). More information about **external grants** can be found [here](#).

NOTE:

To request an extension, please contact Marlene Ramos at the following email address Marlene.Ramos1@MSVU.CA or send an email to research@msvu.ca.

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, we 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>

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.

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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



Congratulations!

The Research Office would like to congratulate Dr. Adwoa Onuora on their wonderful presentation today. The presentation titled *"Coming Out or Dash Out? Cultivating culturally responsive safe spaces for Black 2SLGBTQIA+ youth within homes and communities"* was inspiring and insightful. We want to also congratulate the Alexa McDonough Institute for their great work in organizing this event, which was co-sponsored by the Research Office, and the Healthy Populations Institute.

Research Q&A

We are happy to announce that 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. Also joining these sessions will be Carrie Dawson the Dean of Arts & Science, and Marlene Ramos the Research Grants Coordinator.

These sessions will be occurring in February and April. 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

We are very excited to launch our new "Health Research Explained" project as part of our new science communication activities. With this project, we 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.

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

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

[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'eṛah](#) (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.

MSVU's The Conversation Membership

We are excited to announce that MSVU is now 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.

For more information, visit <https://theconversation.com/ca>.

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](#).

Call For Papers

Advocacy, Action, & Social Justice is a half-day in person graduate student conference being held on March 23rd from 9:00am-1:15pm by the Alexa McDonough Institute for Women, Gender, & Social Justice (AMI) at Mount Saint Vincent University. This conference will highlight the excellent research being done by graduate students working in the field of Women & Gender Studies as well as feminist, queer, and intersectional research in other disciplines. We welcome postcolonial, decolonial, and anticolonial approaches and papers that adopt an intersectional lens. The keynote lecture on LGBTQ+ experiences of the relationship between discrimination and mental health treatment will be delivered by Elayna Foran, the inaugural AMI Fellow and MSVU graduate student in Women and Gender Studies. This event will also include a presentation by the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project followed by a critical conversation on social justice concepts from praxis to practice and a light lunch. Some examples of interdisciplinary research that can be highlighted during this event include (but are not limited to):

- Rights pertaining to women & gender
- Community services & access to resources
- Social welfare policy
- Immigration & education
- Reproductive justice
- Health, wellbeing, & care practices
- Mental health & discrimination (sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, etc.)
- Representations of the body & embodiment
- Reframing of the relationship between feminist theory & praxis
- 2SLGBTQIA+ experiences and social (in)justice

In seeking papers (10-12 minutes) for this in person event at MSVU campus, we are open to submissions from any relevant discipline. For graduate students to submit, please send an abstract of no more than 250 words to Elayna.Foran@MSVU.ca

Submission deadline: *February 15, 2023*

Next steps:

You will receive a confirmation email letting you know that we've received your abstract.

We'll reach out on or before February 22, 2023, to advise if your abstract was successful.

Please contact us if you have any questions about this process.

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](#).

Software Catalogue

Looking for software for your research? MSVU has many software applications available for use on MSVU and personal devices for students, faculty and staff. To visit the Software Catalogue section of our website, click the following link [Software Catalogue](#).

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