



January 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 Monday January 15, 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

Events & Webinars



MSVU Research Office Events

- **January 31st 9:00-1:00 Research Refresh training**

Don't forget to RSVP for our first event of the Winter 2024 Semester! MSVU students, faculty and staff researchers are invited to join the Research Office on January 31st (Caritas Day) for our annual Research Refresh.

This half-day training will be taking place from 9:00am-1:00pm in McCain 105 and MS Teams. Join us for presentations on an array of topics to help you on your research endeavors.

Please RSVP to elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca with your preferred mode of attendance and any dietary restrictions. Share this invitation widely!

[MSVU Black and Indigenous Speaker Series 2024](#)

The MSVU Research Office is excited to announce the next speaker of the Black and Indigenous Speaker Series is Krista Collier-Jarvis! Krista's talk titled **Too Ghoul for School: Colonial Gazing, Monstrosity, and Representing the Unrepresentable in Rhymes for Young Ghouls** is taking place via **MS Teams from 12:00-1:00 AST, on Wednesday, February 7th.**

RSVP to speakerseries@msvu.ca!

Krista Collier-Jarvis (nekm/she/her) is a member of the Mi'kmaq First Nation and a third-generation residential school survivor. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English at MSVU, a PhD Candidate at Dalhousie University, and an Affiliate with Thinking through the Museum. She teaches Indigenous ways of knowing and being, American literature, popular culture, and climate fiction. Her doctoral research looks at zombie narratives to develop an Indigenous-infused, multispecies approach to contagion and climate change. She has recently published on uncanny play in *Pet Sematary* and has an article on *Blood Quantum* forthcoming in a collection about Indigenous and Aboriginal Gothic.

[Read more about this upcoming event on our website!](#)

[External Events](#)

33rd Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research

Registration is open for the [33rd Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research](#)

Early Bird Conference rates are available until Wednesday, March 20, 2024. View the [Abstract Submission](#) page for more information on the subjects within each track and full abstract guidelines.

[Register for this event!](#)

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

- [CFI JELF \(internal deadline\)](#)
- MSVU Undergraduate Research Assistantship
- Tri-Agency USRAs (Summer Term): NSERC USRA, CIHR and SSHRC USRA Designated Awards
- Early Career Research Award
- President's Award for Research Excellence

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- Standard Grant

- Salary-based Grant
- President's Special Conference Fund

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:

Please note, for external funding opportunities, applications must be submitted to the Research Office at least 2 weeks before the external deadline.

CIHR

February Application Deadline:

- [Training Grant : Health Research Training Platform \(2024/2025\)](#)

March Application Deadline:

- [Project Grant : Fall 2023 and Spring 2024](#)

SSHRC

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

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 \(NISA\)](#)

New: Lab to Market Grants

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), in collaboration with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), is pleased to introduce the upcoming launch of the Lab to Market grants, a new tri-agency initiative designed to foster the development of entrepreneurship skills and commercialization capacity within networks in the academic community.

The Lab to Market grants initiative stems from the Government of Canada's commitment in the [2022 Federal Budget](#) to launch a new national program to help students and researchers take their work to market. The aim of this initiative is to equip researchers and highly qualified personnel with essential tools, resources, and knowledge to transform their academic research into innovations ready for the marketplace.

Approximate timeline:

- **January 2024: Call for proposals launch**
- **February 2024: Letters of Intent submission deadline**
- **September 2024: Full proposal submission deadline**

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks and [visit the latest news!](#)

Other External Funding Opportunities:

New NRC Research Fellowship announced

The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and the Killam Trusts recently announced the creation of the Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship in honour of [Dr. Paul Corkum's outstanding contributions](#) to research in Canada.

The Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowship will support advanced study and research excellence. The fellowship will create opportunities for mid-to-late career Canadian and international scholars to collaborate with NRC researchers. This new program will provide opportunities for external scholars to have access to the NRC's unique infrastructure and resources, and work with an NRC researcher to further Dorothy Killam's vision of building Canada's future through advanced study.

Further details will be released in early 2024.

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

[Learn more about applying for CFI!](#)

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](#).

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.](#)

Disruptive Innovation Grants in Cancer Research

The Lotte & John Hecht Memorial Foundation in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society are excited to announce a pre-launch of a new funding opportunity – “Disruptive Innovation Grants in Cancer Research”. These grants will provide a unique opportunity for researchers in cancer, or any other field of discipline, to test out their novel ideas for potentially game-changing impact in cancer prevention, detection, or treatment. Disruptive Innovation grants will be bold, high risk/high reward, early-stage projects for which preliminary data is not required. Projects will be rated on their novelty, feasibility, and potential impact in the cancer field.

Up to \$4M is available for this funding opportunity, enough to fund up to 16 projects to be awarded \$250k over two years. Funding can be applied to generating pilot data for a new and exciting idea, establishing, and developing new collaborations where appropriate, testing a new technology/intervention, or using an existing technology/intervention in an innovative way.

[Read more details about the program!](#)

Call for proposals: 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*
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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!](#)

New opportunity: Aix-Marseille Université (France — travel to Canada and/or travel from Canada)

Updates to Mitacs [Globalink Research Award \(GRA\)](#) program: Call for proposals

- *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*
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Mitacs Elevate

*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.*

[Learn more about this opportunity!](#)

Scotia Scholars Undergraduate Award

The 2023-24 Scotia Scholars Undergraduate Award provides financial support to students with exceptional potential who are, or wish to be, engaged in a health research project at participating institutions.

This award supports the growth and retention of highly skilled individuals who are advancing and translating knowledge in disease detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention; strengthening health care delivery systems; caring for vulnerable populations; and preventing negative impacts to health and wellbeing.

Application deadline: February 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. (AST)

[Learn more about the Scotia Scholars Award!](#)

Mitacs

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](#)

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, they champion the people and resources needed to improve the lives of Nova Scotians.

[Read the January 2024 Research Nova Scotia News Letter](#)

[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!

Mass Notification System

Stay up to date with the University's policy and procedures regarding storm closures! Our mass notification system, [Mount Alert](#), will be used to notify students, faculty, and staff if the University is closed because of weather-related issues. By customizing your Mount Alert preferences, you can receive a message to your cell phone via text, e-mail, and/or phone call. By default, alert messages will be sent to all students, faculty, and staff via [@msvu.ca](#) e-mail addresses. Instructor stations in classrooms may also receive notification of university closure and class cancellation.

If you have not already logged in to the Mount Alert system to [tell MSVU how best we can reach you in an emergency or storm closure](#), please do so as soon as possible.

Information about University closures can also be found on the [MSVU website](#), Facebook ([facebook.com/MountSaintVincentUniversity](#)), Twitter ([@MSVU_Halifax](#)) and Instagram ([@msvu_halifax](#)). Be sure to download the [MSVU SAFE app](#) and customize your [Mount Alert account](#).

Call for applications 2024 grants and awards:

- *President's Conference Fund – January 30th*
 - *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!

Research Q&A Agenda Item Request

Do you conduct research at MSVU? Have questions about the research supports available to you? [Add them to our Q&A Agenda Item Request Form!](#)

The next Research Q&A will be held on February 22nd from 2:00-3:00 via MS Teams. Contact elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca to RSVP or with any questions.

The CIHR Institute Advisory Board Membership Cycle is Accepting Applications for 2024

[Applications](#) for the 2024 IAB Membership Cycle are currently being accepted. The deadline to apply to the 2024 Membership Cycle is April 25, 2024.

During the selection process, each Institute will review the full list of candidates who submitted applications to their IAB to determine which candidates best fill the critical gaps created by turnover, both in expertise and in re-balancing demographic criteria (sex, language, career stage, and geographic and institutional representation).

[Learn more about the CIHR Institute Advisory Board!](#)

New International Research Opportunity!

In November 2023, the Government of Canada closed substantive negotiations with the European Commission to join [Horizon Europe](#) as an associate country under Pillar 2. While signature and implementation are underway, Canadians can apply now as fully-fledged members of consortia.

Check out the "[How to apply page](#)" to learn more.

MT180s Thesis competition

*As a student enrolled in a graduate program, Université de Moncton invites you to take part in an in-person research competition among Atlantic Canadian universities students on **March 29, 2024, at 4:00***

p.m at Bar le Coude of the Université de Moncton, Moncton campus. This competition is the French version of the 3MT competition: [Ma thèse en 180 secondes \(MT180\) – concours des universités du Canada atlantique](#). Financial support from Acfas will be provided to assist you with your travel to Moncton.

Register today by completing [THIS FORM](#). The registration deadline is January 15, 2024, at midnight (Atlantic Time).

You can [watch the performances from last year's competition on Facebook](#).

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

Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications Review

In July 2023, the three federal research funding agencies [announced](#) a review of the current [Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](#) (OA Policy) with the goal of making any peer-reviewed journal articles resulting from agency-supported research freely available, without subscription fee, at the time of publication. The renewed [Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](#) policy will be released by the end of 2025.

To facilitate an effective, sustainable and equitable transition of the ASJ funding opportunity toward immediate open access, SSHRC is delaying the launch of the next ASJ funding cycle from summer 2024 to summer 2025. This delay will allow more time for engagement with the research and journal communities and other stakeholders. **Current ASJ grant recipients will receive a funded one-year extension to their grants.** Further details will be communicated closer to the end-date of the current awards.

If you have questions, please contact scholarlyjournals@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

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@researchnns.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

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 Tłı̄chq Government, the SUPPORT Unit connects organizations and communities throughout the territory to achieve health research and training goals. Through an innovative project called [Ełet'anìts'eᖅah](#) (pronounced "e-klet-a-neet-see-yah"), which means drawing on collective strength in the First Nations Tłı̄chq 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.

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.

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 selena.macdonald27@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!](#)

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.](#)

COVID-19

Masks are encouraged in crowded indoor public spaces or should you have cold symptoms (like a cough or runny nose). For those in need of a mask, they will continue to be available for pick-up at the Assisi Security Desk (Assisi Hall main entrance), Library Circulation Desk (Main floor, EMF), Registrar's Office (Room 207, Evaristus Hall), and Athletics & Recreation main desk (2nd floor, Rosaria Student Centre). Free COVID-19 rapid test kits are also available at these locations.

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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