



# June Research Bulletin

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## MSVU Wildfire Supports

It's been a very difficult couple of days for members of our university and broader communities. We are thinking of all those impacted by the wildfires in Nova Scotia, including those who have had to leave their homes and those assisting with the emergency response. Please know that you are not alone – MSVU is here to help. [This information can be found on the Media and News Section of the MSVU Website.](#)

### Emergency accommodations

MSVU students, faculty and staff who have been evacuated from their homes and need a place to stay can contact [Jill.Hurlbert@msvu.ca](mailto:Jill.Hurlbert@msvu.ca) to make arrangements for short-term temporary accommodations in MSVU Residences at no cost.

### Day camps for children

MSVU's Athletics and Recreation Department is offering free day camps this Wednesday (May 31) through Friday (June 2) for children of families affected by the wildfires, in particular those who have had to evacuate their homes or whose schools are closed due to evacuations. There are a limited number of spaces available, based on staffing availability. Register online at [msvu.ca/camps](https://msvu.ca/camps) or contact Athletics and Recreation for more information: [camps@msvu.ca](mailto:camps@msvu.ca) or call 902-457-6420.

### Leave for affected faculty and staff

MSVU faculty and staff (across all employee groups) who have had to evacuate their homes, or are directly impacted by the evacuations, are being provided with up to five emergency leave days. Please speak to your supervisor or contact [human.resources@msvu.ca](mailto:human.resources@msvu.ca) to make arrangements.

### Other supports

A reminder that students, faculty and staff in need of any supports are encouraged to contact the university as follows:

- Students can contact [ose@msvu.ca](mailto:ose@msvu.ca);
- Faculty and staff can contact [human.resources@msvu.ca](mailto:human.resources@msvu.ca).

Students can also connect with their professors, and faculty/staff can connect with their chairs or supervisors.

A reminder that there are also free counselling supports available for students and faculty/staff as follows:

- Students: [MSVU Counselling Services: \[counselling@msvu.ca\]\(mailto:counselling@msvu.ca\)](#), (902) 457-6567; Good2Talk NS Helpline for Postsecondary Students: 1-833-292-3698
- Faculty and staff: [Employee & Family Assistance Program](#) (or EFAP) via Morneau Shepell (free, confidential counselling services) – visit the [EFAP website](#) or call 1-800-387-4765.
- ALL: Our EFAP provider has set up a crisis line available to ALL those affected by the wildfires in NS (you don't need to be affiliated with MSVU or any organization in particular). The LifeWorks Community Crisis Support Line is open 24/7 and can be reached at 1-844-751-2133.



## Events & Webinars



### **June 7th, AGE-WELL Webinar, Housing as a key determinant of health for older LGBT Canadians by Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan.**

Description: While housing is generally regarded as a key determinant of health around the world, the unique housing needs and realities of older lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Canadians are less well understood. Based on a national Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funded research grant, this presentation focuses on the key issues facing older LGBT Canadians in accessing safe, affordable, and affirming housing. The findings presented will draw from a national online survey, focus groups, and a review of the literature. Recommendations will be offered on how best to meet the needs of this population.

This webinar is taking place from 1:00-2:00pm ET, to register, [click the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_70I4bpDuSKaWP1gJxJtArw#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_70I4bpDuSKaWP1gJxJtArw#/registration)

### **June 8th, MSVU Faculty Teaching Colloquium with Dr. Kelly Resmer (Chemistry): Experimenting with Un-Grading**

This event hosted by the Teaching and Learning Centre will take place in McCain 302. Email [tlc@msvu.ca](mailto:tlc@msvu.ca) for more information or if you would like a link to attend virtually.

### **June 8th & 11th NSERC Discovery Grant Workshop Series**

The University of Lethbridge is holding two workshop sessions to help NSERC Discovery Grant Applicants prepare their applications for the fall competition. All sessions will be held over zoom. Please confirm your participation with [sola.fasunwon@uleth.ca](mailto:sola.fasunwon@uleth.ca)

### **June 25th-30th, World Non-Communicable Diseases Congress**

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

[Click on the following link to register: https://www.torontownc2023.org/registration/](https://www.torontownc2023.org/registration/)

### **June 26th, A Celebration of WISE Atlantic**

Dr. Tamara Franz-Odendaal's term as the NSERC Atlantic Chair for Women in Science & Engineering is approaching its end date. We hope you can join WISE Atlantic as they look back over 10+ years of the WISE Atlantic program, and enjoy a wonderful meal together. If you cannot make it and would like to send a congratulatory message to Dr. Tamara Franz-Odendaal, please send that to the email listed below.

Please RSVP to [WISEatlantic@msvu.ca](mailto:WISEatlantic@msvu.ca) by June 6th and include any dietary restrictions.

### **June 27th, Understanding Risk: Legal Obligations for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Governance Professionals of Canada Virtual Session**

Join the Diversity Institute in attending the Governance Professionals of Canada's virtual session. [Learn more and register for Understanding Risk: Legal Obligations for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion on June 27-29th](#). Wendy Cukier, founder and academic director of the Diversity Institute, will address the Canadian legal obligations of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as they relate to equity, diversity and inclusion, and discuss issues related to reputational risk, including an overview of Bill C-25, compliance or explain models, and how SMEs can lower risk, notably at the senior leader and board levels.

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

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

[Registration](#)

## Funding Successes



### **Congratulations, Researchers!**

#### ***CIHR:***

Dr. Derek Fisher and team - Fall 2022 Project Grant

Dr. Janice Keefe and team - Fall 2022 Project Grant

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

#### ***SSHRC:***

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

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

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



## Funding Opportunities



### Tri-Agency Funding Opportunities:

- **CIHR**

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

- **NSERC**

[NSERC Discovery Grant](#)

[NOI now available on Research Portal \(https://tinyurl.com/zk4nnrx\).](https://tinyurl.com/zk4nnrx)

**Deadline date August 1, 2023, 8pm (ET).**

[NSERC Subatomic Physics](#)

[NOI now available on Research Portal \(https://tinyurl.com/y9hxx7uy\).](https://tinyurl.com/y9hxx7uy)

**Deadline date August 1, 2023, 8pm (ET).**

[NSERC - Alliance grants \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Alliance-grants)

Eligibility: University researchers collaborating with organizations from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors

Award amount: \$20,000 to \$1 million per year

Grant period: 1 to 5 years

**Application Deadline: No deadline**

[NSERC - Alliance International \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](https://nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

Eligibility: Canadian university researchers working in partnership with international collaborators from the academic sector

Award amount: \$25,000 (Catalyst grants) up to \$100,000 per year (Collaboration grants)

Grant period: 1 year (Catalyst grants) up to 3 years (Collaboration grants)

**Application Deadline: No deadline**

[NSERC - Alliance Quantum grants \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](https://nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

Call for proposals: Strengthening Canada's quantum research and innovation capacity

Eligibility: University researchers collaborating with organizations from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors

Award amount: \$50,000 to \$300,000

Grant period: 1 to 5 years

**Application Deadline: No deadline**

[NSERC - NSERC-SSHRC Sustainable agriculture research initiative \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](https://nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

Eligibility: Canadian university researchers in the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences or engineering fields collaborating with organizations from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors; college faculty can participate as co-applicants

Award amount: \$500,000 to \$2 million per year (Collaboration grants)

Grant period: 4 years

**Application Deadline: Preparatory funding: May 8, 2023 by 8:00 pm (ET) and Full project funding: November 8, 2023 by 8:00 pm (ET)**

[For the suite of Discovery Funding Programs, please click on the following link: Discovery Research Opportunities](#)

- **SSHRC**

To find more information on SSHRC research funding, visit [Upcoming Deadlines \(sshrc-crsh.gc.ca\)](https://sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

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

[SSHRC - Partnership Engage Grants \(www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca\)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

**Application Deadline(s): June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2023**

[SSHRC- Connection Grants](#)

**Application deadline (s): August 1 (8pm eastern)**



## Internal Grants

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](#). SSHRC Exchange and Explore – October 1, 2023

### **October 15, 2023 deadline for the following internal grants:**

Standard Grant

Salary-based Grant

Book Launches

Aid to Scholarly Publications and Communications

### **December 1, 2023 deadline for the following internal grants:**

President's Award for Research Excellence

Early Career Research Award

### **NOTES:**

- To request an extension, please contact [research@msvu.ca](mailto: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.
- Please note that a new salary scale reflecting an hourly pay increase will be in effect September 1, 2023 for Undergraduate, MA/MS level, and PhD level student research assistants in accordance with the recent provincial minimum wage increase.
- Also, a gentle reminder to please use the latest version of the Internal Grant forms when completing an application.

## Other External Funding Opportunities:

**Research Nova Scotia: [For Researchers](#)**

[Public Impact Award – Research Nova Scotia \(researchns.ca\)](#)

Nominations Deadline May 31, 2023 at 1 pm

The Public Impact Award, presented by Research Nova Scotia, will recognize a Nova Scotian researcher in academia, a public research institution, government, or the private sector, whose research has benefited Nova Scotians by tangibly improving the economy, environment, healthcare system, or society. The recipient's work has developed in response to the needs of society and is solving a problem, managing risk, or creating an opportunity for Nova Scotians.

[To learn more about Research Nova Scotia's Public Impact Award, visit the following link](https://researchns.ca/public-impact-award/)

Please don't hesitate to contact [research@msvu.ca](mailto:research@msvu.ca) for support on external grant development or for any questions about external funding not listed here.

**Research Nova Scotia 2023-24 New Health Investigator Grant**

This grant supports early-career health researchers who are engaged in research that is focused on the efficient and effective delivery of healthcare to Nova Scotians.

The award amount available is up to \$100,000 and the term of the award is 2 years.

Notice of Intent Information Webinar

June 20, 2023 | 12:00 PM (ADT)

**Notice of Intent Deadline: June 28, 2023 | 1:00 PM (ADT)**

**Invitation to Full Application: July 2023**

**Full Application Deadline: September 20, 2023 | 1:00 PM (ADT)**

[Read more about the New Health Investigator Grant.](#)

**Heart & Stroke [Personal Awards for Indigenous Scholars](#) Now Open**

Heart & Stroke is pleased to announce the inaugural *Personal Awards for Indigenous Scholars* research competition.

Through this award, we are seeking to increase representation of best-in-class Indigenous researchers across heart and brain health fields in Canada. Developed in collaboration with Indigenous communities, the awards aim to remove financial burdens associated with completing post-graduate studies to enable outstanding students the ability to focus on their studies, undertake a program of research, and engage with mentors as part of their training and development.

These awards will be offered to students accepted to or enrolled in Master's or Doctoral programs in Canada, who identify as Indigenous and who are studying in an area specific to heart or brain health. These multi-year awards will function as salary stipends intended to enable trainees to focus on their studies and advance in their chosen field.

Funding for the Personnel Awards for Indigenous Scholars has been made possible by the Canada Brain Research Fund (CBRF), an innovative arrangement between the Government of Canada (through Health Canada) and Brain Canada Foundation; the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Canada's primary health research funding agency, and its Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health; and Heart & Stroke, Canada's health charity leading the fight to beat heart disease and stroke.

[Read more about full competition guidelines for the Personnel Awards for Indigenous Scholars.](#)

#### **Amount of Award**

- Up to 8 Masters Students will be eligible for funding of \$25,000.00 per year for up to 2 years (maximum \$50,000.00 over 2 years)
- Up to 5 PhD students will be eligible for funding of \$30,000.00 per year for up to 3 years (maximum \$90,000.00 over 3 years)

#### **Key Dates**

Competition Open Date: May 1, 2023

*Application deadline: September 1, 2023, 3 PM EDT*

Award notification date: November 2023

Award start date: January 1, 2024

*Value*

Masters: Up to \$50,000 CAD (\$25,000 per year for up to two (2) years

Doctoral: Up to \$90,000 CAD (\$30,000 per year for up to three (3) years

Contact: [research@heartandstroke.ca](mailto:research@heartandstroke.ca)

### **Queen's University Grant Funding Database**

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

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

### **CIHR-PHAC Applied Public Health Chair**

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

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

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

[View full details](#)

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

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

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

*Registration Deadline:* June 21, 2023

[View full details](#)

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

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

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

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

[View full details.](#)

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

*New opportunity — open all year:*

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

- Dates: open all year
- Level: Travel to Canada: full-time master's and PhD students or postdoctoral fellows; Travel from Canada: full-time senior undergraduate, master's and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows
- Themes: All disciplines
- Other requirements: N/A
- Eligible institutions: Aix-Marseille Université
- Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution
- Award amount: \$6,000
- Application process and submission: Submit to Mitacs through the local Mitacs Advisor

### **2023-24 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Competition**

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program is designed to support world-class postdoctoral researchers. The fellowship provides \$70,000 per year for two years. The program is open to both Canadian and international researchers who have recently completed a PhD, PhD-equivalent, or health professional degree. Applications must be completed in full collaboration with the proposed host institution.

The 2023-24 competition was launched in April 2023 and the application deadline is **September 20, 2023 (20:00 EDT)**.

Kindly consult the website at [www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca](http://www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca) for further details on the program, including how to apply.

### **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](#)



*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.*

Contacts:

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca).

## Innovative Solutions for Data Management Challenges: An Introduction to FRDR and Lunaris

On April 14, members of the Alliance's RDM team gave a webinar introducing Lunaris and highlighting features of the Federated Research Data Repository (FRDR). The webinar recording and slides are available in English and French à [Innovative Solutions for Data Management Challenges: An Introduction to FRDR and Lunaris | Digital Research Alliance of Canada \(alliancecan.ca\)](#)

## 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.

Members of the MSVU Research Office are available in the EDIA Hub on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:00-3:00pm. For more information, or to view the full EDIA Hub schedule, visit the following link <https://www.msvu.ca/about-msvu/equity-diversity-inclusion-accessibility-edia/edia-hub/>

## Announcements



### **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:

- Identify as Black, Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) or Aboriginal.
- Be an active contributor to an academic discipline or professional field.
- Affiliated with an academic institution, research institution, or college.

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

[More information](#)

### **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:

- 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.

Click the following link for the Global Excellence Initiative Brochure: [https://www.univcan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/GEI-Brochure\\_FINAL-DIGITAL.pdf](https://www.univcan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/GEI-Brochure_FINAL-DIGITAL.pdf)

### **Research Q&A**

Moving forward, the Research Q&A sessions will be held on a quarterly basis. We are aiming to hold the next Research Q&A in early August.

We are asking that anyone planning to attend add your agenda items to the following form by *Friday June 16th*. We will then work to select a meeting time that is most convenient for all.

*Agenda Item Request Form:* <https://forms.office.com/r/cc5t8WmpU3>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca](mailto:elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca).

### **Alexa McDonough Institute for Women: New Chair July 2023**

The AMI is looking for a new Chair to start in July 2023. The position comes with 1.0 unit course relief. Please contact [Carrie.Dawson@msvu.ca](mailto:Carrie.Dawson@msvu.ca) if you are interested in the position.

### **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.

### **MSVU Teaching Colloquium - Call for Presenters!**

Are you interested in sharing something new you have tried in your teaching? The TLC hosts a monthly teaching colloquium. Please reach out to [jennifer.rizwan@msvu.ca](mailto:jennifer.rizwan@msvu.ca) with your ideas and



which month you would like to present! (full-time and part-time faculty are welcome to present, as individuals, with a colleague or with a grad student!)

### **CIHR Mock Peer Review Toolkit**

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

Who is the Toolkit for?

The Toolkit is intended to accommodate a wide range of audiences, from university administrators looking to host a mock peer review session at their institution, to trainees, such as PhDs and postdocs, looking to learn more about CIHR's peer review process. [College of Reviewers: Mock Review Toolkit – Project Grant Competition](#)

### **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](http://cihr-irsc.gc.ca))*

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

[Hotìì 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'e'əh](#) (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](mailto: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](http://halifax.ca/archives) or in person at 81 Ilsley Avenue, Unit 11, Dartmouth.* To book an appointment, email [archives@halifax.ca](mailto: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](mailto:resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca) or [alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca) with any questions.

### **CIHR French Peer Review Opportunities**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact [college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca).

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

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

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

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

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

### Recent MSVU Articles:

- Conor Barker, Krista C. Ritchie, Sara King and Veronica Hutchings "In Canada's two-tiered mental health system, access to care is especially challenging in rural areas". Read more at the following link [In Canada's two-tiered mental health system, access to care is especially challenging in rural areas \(theconversation.com\)](https://theconversation.com/in-canada-s-two-tiered-mental-health-system-access-to-care-is-especially-challenging-in-rural-areas)
- Shannan Grant and Dayna Lee-Baggley, "The emotional well-being of the workforce and workplace culture are critical to the success of any organization." Read more at the following link [Fostering psychological safety in the workplace: 4 practical, real-life tips based on science \(theconversation.com\)](https://theconversation.com/fostering-psychological-safety-in-the-workplace-4-practical-real-life-tips-based-on-science)
- Keira O'Neil and Jennifer E. Khoury, "Pregnant during the pandemic: Long-term effects and the importance of social support". Read more at the following link, <https://theconversation.com/pregnant-during-the-pandemic-long-term-effects-and-the-importance-of-social-support-197516>
- Meredith Ralston and Gayle MacDonald, "Mass Casualty Commission report details the Nova Scotia shooter's abuse of sex workers". Read more at the following link, <https://theconversation.com/mass-casualty-commission-report-details-the-nova-scotia-shooters-abuse-of-sex-workers-202228>

## IT&S Cybersecurity Tips



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## **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](#).

### **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.

### **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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## Research Resources



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

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- [Research and Special Projects Handbook](#)
  - [Responsible Conduct of Research Policy](#)
  - [MSVU Research Resources Intranet](#)
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