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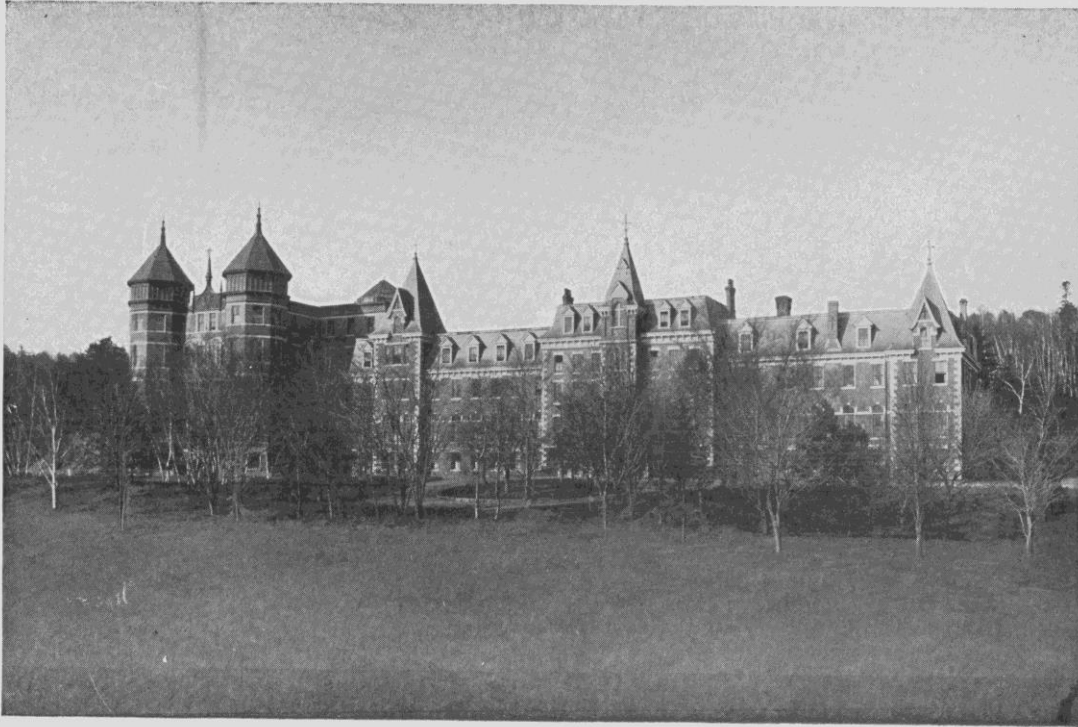
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Events & Webinars



Black and Indigenous Speaker Series

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

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

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

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

To learn more about the Black and Indigenous Speaker Series, visit <https://www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/about-us/black-and-indigenous-speaker-series/>

Call for Nominations

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

Speakers nominated for the series should:

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

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

EDIA In Research: A Fireside Chat

Join us in the McCain Atrium 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 Research Strategic Plan.

To register, visit the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/7LkifEjcvj>.

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 upcoming in this series:

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

Let's Talk Teaching with Our New Faculty: Panel and Discussion; From the Teaching and Learning Centre

This event will feature a panel of our newest faculty! Join in the conversation as they share their experiences of teaching at the Mount this year. Panelists include, Normand Gendron (Business and Tourism), Ellen Shaffner (Communication Studies), Nicholous Deal (Business and Tourism), Jillian Ruhl (Applied Human Nutrition), Lindsay Leighton (Education), and Dora (Yun) Wang (Business and Tourism). All faculty and staff welcome. Friday, March 24th, 10:00a.m. - 11:30 a.m. McCain 105/106 For more information email tlc@msvu.ca.

Refugee Symposium; Forced Migration: A Global Perspective for a Growing Society.

Friday, March 17th from 9am to 4pm @ Sobey Scotiabank Theatre, Saint Mary's University. The SMU-WUSC Student Local Committee, in conjunction with SMU International Student Centre, are looking for keynote speakers for 30-40 minutes presentations (plus 15 minutes for questions) on the following issues as they relate to forced migration:

- Women's and children's issues (as it relates asylum seekers and refugees).
- Food security, forced migration and hunger.
- Access to education (as it relates asylum seekers and refugees).
- Current Canadian/international asylum seeker/refugee laws and mechanisms and their impact on asylum seekers/refugees. Are the current international/Canadian asylum seeker/refugee laws working? Are they protecting or hurting refugees? Are the current international/Canadian responses to refugee crisis working?
- Family reunification (as it relates asylum seekers and refugees).
- LGBTQ asylum seeker/refugees - dilemmas, challenges, and marginalization.
- Mental health and asylum seekers/refugees.
- Environmental degradation and natural disaster and its impact on forced migration.
- Forced migration global trends.
- Economic globalization and economic integration and its ramifications on asylum seekers/refugees (e.g., slave labour).
- Economic impact of forced migration.
- Asylum Seekers/Refugees and Religion.
- The media and asylum seekers/refugees (The media and its impact on asylum seekers/refugees. How social media affects our perceptions of asylum seekers/refugees. Does the media play a role in dehumanizing asylum seekers/refugees?)
- Challenges faced by asylum seekers and refugees in Nova Scotia/Canada and the services and support available.

- Are our police forces properly trained to understand, and appropriately and impartially interact with refugees and asylum seeker?

If you (or your colleagues) are currently doing research or doing a project on any of the above topics, or your organization works with asylum seekers or refugees, we would love for you to present at our refugee symposium. If you would like to present, please complete the [Keynote Speaker Online Form](#) (application deadline: Friday, February 24).

Have questions or concerns? Contact: ysaac.rodriquez@smu.ca

DOCTalks Collaborates to Research & Address Structural Changes in the Documentary Media Sector.

Thursday, March 23, 2023 12:30 - 1:30 pm AST A conversation with CBC DOCS' Jordana Ross, Production Executive for *Documentary Channel*, Michelle McCree, Executive In Charge of Production for *Passionate Eye*, and Nic Meloney, Production Executive and Indigenous Advisor. For more information about working with the *Documentary Channel* and *CBC Passionate Eye*, please refer to the following

websites: <https://www.cbc.ca/independentproducers>/<https://www.cbc.ca/documentaries> Register [here](#) to receive a Zoom link for the conversation

Gordon Conference on Sex Differences in Immunity

The [Gordon Research Conference on Sex Differences in Immunity](#) is taking place in Ventura Beach, California on April 2-7, 2023.

The recurrent odd year conference on sex differences in immunity will focus on infectious diseases, vaccines, autoimmune diseases, cancer, allergy, asthma, neuroinflammation, metabolism and genetics.

Deadline: Apply by March 5, 2023

[More information](#)

World Non-Communicable Diseases Congress comes to Toronto this June

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

ACENET Upcoming Training Sessions

ACENET and Ocean Tracking Network: R for Ecologists 8, 15, 22 March, 1300-1600hrs Atlantic / 1330-1630hrs NL

DETAILS & REGISTER <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/acenet-and-ocean-tracking-network-r-for-ecologists-tickets-488004744327>

C++ as a Second Language 9 March, 1300-1700hrs Atlantic / 1330-1730hrs NL

DETAILS & REGISTER <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/acenet-c-as-a-second-language-tickets-488006650027>

Fortran as a Second Language 16 March, 1300-1700hrs Atlantic / 1330-1730hrs NL

DETAILS & REGISTER <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/acenet-fortran-as-a-second-language-tickets-488007111407>

Molecular Dynamics 4, 6, 11, 13 April, 1300-1600hrs Atlantic / 1330-1630hrs NL

DETAILS & REGISTER <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/acenet-molecular-dynamics-tickets-488025085167>

Digital Humanities Summer Institute - East 17-20 April Location: In person, St. FX University, Antigonish NS

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

R for Social Scientists 24, 25 April, 0900-1300hrs Atlantic / 0930-1330hrs NL Location: In person, St. FX University, Antigonish NS

DETAILS & REGISTER <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/acenet-r-for-social-scientists-tickets-492018790447>

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>.

Tri-Agency Funding Announcements: 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

Internal Grants

March 15

- CN Student Research Internship (Full-time summer placement)

April 1

- SSHRC Exchange and Explore
- Book Launches **Note new deadline*
- Aid to Scholarly Publications and Communications **Note new deadline*

April 5

- Release Time Awards

External Grants

March 15

- SSHRC [Partnership Engage Grants](#)

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.

Queen's University Grant Funding Database

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

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

Alzheimer Society Research Awards

The Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia is committed to supporting research into Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, as well as acknowledging the work of people who have chosen to do research in this field. As a means of honouring this commitment, they are pleased to provide student research awards each year.

As of 2023, they are offering:

- One **graduate-level** Phyllis Horton Student Research Award valued at **\$5,000**
- Two **undergraduate-level** Abe Leventhal Student Research Awards valued at **\$1,500 each**

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

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

CIHR-PHAC Applied Public Health Chair

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

Deadline (Letter of intent): May 2, 2023

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

[View full details](#)

Pre-announcement: National Women's Health Research Initiative - Funding Opportunity for Biomedical Discovery Grants

As part of the [National Women's Health Research Initiative](#)—a collaboration between CIHR, [IGH](#) and [Women and Gender Equality Canada](#)—a new funding opportunity for biomedical discovery grants will be launched in March 2023. The overarching vision of this Innovation Fund grant is to support high risk, high reward research in high-priority areas of women's health research, specifically for basic science and/or other types of preclinical studies that have the potential to make significant advancements in women's health.

Anticipated Timelines

**These dates are estimates and subject to change.*

Funding opportunity launch: March 2023

Registration deadline: June 2023

Application deadline: July 2023

Funding start date: February 2024

[View pre-announcement](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Application deadlines: May 2, 2023

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

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

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

Deadline: May 3, 2023 [View full details](#)

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

Current opportunities — call for proposals (new opportunity and reminder):

1. National Research Foundation (NRF) Korea (Korea — travel to Canada)

- Dates: February 23, 2023 to March 23, 2023 at 5 p.m. PT
- Level: Full-time master's and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows
- Themes: All fields of Science and Technology, Interdisciplinary studies involving S&T and Humanities or Social Sciences
- Other requirements: N/A
- Eligible institutions: All universities in Korea
- Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution
- Award amount: \$9,000 to \$15,000 (approximately)
- Application process and submission: Submit to NRF (website accessible from Korea only <https://www.iris.go.kr/main.do>)

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

- Dates: January 23, 2023 to April 30, 2023 at 5 p.m. PT
- Level: Full-time senior undergraduate, master's and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows
- Themes: All disciplines
- Other requirements: N/A
- Eligible institutions:
 - Universidad de Santiago de Chile (USACH)
 - Universidad de La Frontera (UFRO)
 - Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN)
 - Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)
 - Universidad Católica del Maule (UCM)
 - Universidad de Concepción (UdeC)
- Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution
- Award amount: \$6,000

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

Research Data Management



RDM at MSVU

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

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

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

SSHRC RDM Capacity Building Initiative Extension

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

Announcements



Research Q&A

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

The next session is March 15th, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca for more information.

Launch of the new CIHR “Health Research Explained” project

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

The project includes:

- A fresh overview of [CIHR](#) and how [our funding works](#);
- New web content to describe [health research](#) (and each pillar!) in plain language;
- More than 20 new research stories to showcase wonderful work happening across the country; and
- [Infographics](#) to highlight the importance of health research.

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

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 \(cihr-irsc.gc.ca\)](https://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'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.

EDI Video: Using Social Media to Recruit LGBT Research Participants

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

Halifax Municipal Archives

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

NSERC's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Newest Resources

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

1. Guidance on embedding EDI considerations at each stage of the research process including: research questions, design of the study, methodology and data collection, analysis and interpretation and dissemination of results.
2. EDI considerations for research teams, including: building teams, recruitment and retention, and the roles of team members throughout the course of the research project.

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

CIHR French Peer Review Opportunities

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

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

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

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

New Canadian Institutes of Health Research ELearning Series

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Discover Awards for Science & Innovation; Call for Nominations

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

The Nomination Categories -

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

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

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

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

To learn more, visit the Discovery Awards website: <https://discoveryawards.ca/> or contact [Linda Laurence](mailto:laura@thediscoverycentre.ca) (llaurence AT thediscoverycentre.ca).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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](#)

Stay tuned for our upcoming blog on how to write & submit a pitch to The Conversation. Any questions can be directed to elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca who would be happy to provide further information and resources.

Recent MSVU Articles:

- *Christine McLean & Jessie-Lee Mclsaac "What to look for in a high-quality 'pre-primary' or junior kindergarten program". Read more at the following link, [What to look for in a high-quality 'pre-primary' or junior kindergarten program \(theconversation.com\)](#)*
- *Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan & Shannan Grant, "Dying to be seen: Why women's risk for heart disease and stroke is still higher than men's in Canada". Read more at the following link, [Dying to be seen: Why women's risk for heart disease and stroke is still higher than men's in Canada \(theconversation.com\)](#)*
- *Anna Smol, "'The Rings of Power: Every adaptation is a re-interpretation so ignore the haters". Read more at the following link, ['The Rings of Power': Every adaptation is re-interpretation so ignore the haters \(theconversation.com\)](#)*

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

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