



# May Research Bulletin

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## Events & Webinars



### **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](#)

### ***Thank you for attending!***

We want to thank everyone who attended the most recent Black and Indigenous Speaker Series event on April 5th featuring Dr. Margaret Robinson. The recording is now available on YouTube. To watch the recording, visit <https://youtu.be/VTWLjp7Zp4M>.

### **May 2nd, Let's Talk Webinar Series; From Access to Action — Building a More Inclusive Future**

The AEDI Café webinar, presented by CICan in collaboration with Magnify Access, promises to be a dynamic online gathering where participants will have important conversations about issues pertaining to accessibility, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Click the following link to RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aedi-cafe-tickets->

### **May 12th, Preparing Your Teaching Dossier for Career Advancement**

Join the TLC from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in Seton 511 for this great event. Developing your teaching dossier is an essential part of your application for reappointment, tenure, and/or promotion. In support of your dossier preparation, Jennifer Rizwan and Dr. Leigh-Ann MacFarlane(TLC), Dr. Elizabeth Bowering (past URC member), and Kennedy Fitzgerald (Manager of Academic Relations) are co-facilitating a teaching dossier development session. They will review the teaching dossier structure, teaching philosophies, and possible material for dossier inclusion.

*To confirm your attendance or request a virtual link, please RSVP to [TLC@msvu.ca](mailto:TLC@msvu.ca).*

### **May 23rd & 24th, Research Office Spring Training**

Join the MSVU Research Office on *May 23rd and 24th from 9:00-1:00*, on-campus or online via MS Teams. Training subjects will range from Knowledge Mobilization & The Conversation Canada, Research Data Management, information sessions from our external partners, and more to be confirmed!

If you supervise a Postdoctoral Fellow, please extend this invitation to them.

Complete the following form to RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/hEpTSqCvx5>

Please direct any questions or concerns to [elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca](mailto:elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca)

### **May 25th, 2023 Girls Conference: Girls in Action!**

On May 25, the Alexa McDonough Institute will be hosting the annual Girls Conference in person, and the proposed theme for this year is "Girls in Action!", and they have a variety of engaging and interactive sessions targeted at 13 to 18-year-old youth who self-identify as girls. Our keynote speaker is Chelsey Gotell, a former Canadian Paralympic swimmer and 12-time medalist, who now serves as a member of the International Paralympic Committee's Governing Board.

For inquiries about accessibility, including the availability of sponsored tickets for those whom the ticket price is prohibitive, please send an email to [girlsconference@msvu.ca](mailto:girlsconference@msvu.ca).

Click the following link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/girls-in-action-girls-conference-2023-tickets-505187418167>

### **May 26th & 27th Western Canada Addiction Forum, 2023 Kelowna, QC**

This in-person program will be held at the Delta Grand Okanagan in Kelowna. This year's conference slogan is "*coming together, building together and challenging our differences.*" The conference aims to promote positive change in health practices by showcasing novel clinical methods and introducing addiction therapy/treatment to all healthcare providers.

Click the following link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/western-canada-addiction-forum-tickets-510237001607>

### **June 23rd, Northwood Research Symposium: Call for Abstracts**

Northwood is hosting its annual Research Symposium in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the Atlantica Hotel, on June 23rd, 2023. This year Northwood will be including student poster presentations. The purpose of the poster presentations is to highlight research that is on-going in Nova Scotia and provide a platform for communication, collaboration and networking among young researchers. The abstract call is open to any students who are working in health/healthcare research.

Submission Requirements: Students will be required to submit an extended abstract (500 words or less) of their work to [andrea.mayo@nwood.ns.ca](mailto:andrea.mayo@nwood.ns.ca) no later than **May 20th 2023**. The abstract should clearly state the project background, key research objectives, methodology, and summary of findings. Limited spots available, students will be contacted after the due date to on abstract decision.

### **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/>

### **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.

#### *Call For Submissions*

The CSRF encourages submissions from researchers and practitioners from all disciplines and backgrounds on any topics relevant to sexuality broadly conceived. They especially encourage submissions addressing critical current issues in the field and society, for example but certainly not limited to theories and methodologies of gender and sex, sexual well-being, sexual health and dysfunctions, couples and sexuality, sex therapy, gender-based violence, anti-racist sexuality research, 2SLGBTQIA+ sexuality, and pleasure-based sex education.

In order to maximize the interdisciplinary benefit and diversity of presentations at the meeting, each individual will only be permitted to present as first-author one (1) abstract (not including overall symposia abstracts). Individuals can be co-author on multiple submissions. This helps to ensure the best opportunities for the most people, and the richest conference program possible.

You can read more about the abstract submission process here:

<https://www.canadiansexresearchforum.com/montreal-2023>

Submission deadline May 15th, 2023

## 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**

*The following are the current opportunities in ResearchNet. Please visit the portal for further details (<https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnetsso/ssologin?language=en>).*

#### [CIHR - Program Name: Catalyst Grant : HIV/AIDS and STBBI Community-Based Research](#)

Community-driven planning and development for HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (STBBI)

The HIV/AIDS Research Initiative with strategic leadership from the CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) and the CIHR Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health (IIPH)

Competition: 202305CDP

*Application Deadline: May 2, 2023*

Anticipated Notice of Decision: Sept 28, 2023

Funding Start date: Sept 1, 2023

#### [CIHR - Program Name: Operating Grant : HIV/AIDS and STBBI Community-Based Research](#)

The HIV/AIDS and STBBI Research Initiative with strategic leadership from the CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) and the CIHR Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health (IIPH)

Competition: 202305CBZ

*Application Deadline: May 2, 2023*

Anticipated Notice of Decision: Sept 28, 2023

Funding Start date: Sept 1, 2023

[CIHR - Program Name: CIHR REDI Early Career Transition Award](#)

The CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity (III), Institute of Aging (IA), Institute of Cancer Research (ICR), Institute of Genetics (IG), Gender and Health (IGH), Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR), Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH), Institute of Nutrition Metabolism and Diabetes (INMD), Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA), the CIHR Centre for Research on Pandemic Preparedness and Health Emergencies (CRPPHE), the CIHR HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted and Blood-borne Infections (STBBI) Research Initiative (RI), in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Canada (ASC), Arthritis Society Canada (ASC), the Azrieli Foundation, BrightFocus Foundation, Fighting Blindness Canada, The Kidney Foundation of Canada (KFOC), and JDRF Canada. (Updated: 2023-04-24)

Competition: 202305ECA

*Application Deadline: May 3, 2023*

Anticipated Notice of Decision: Sept 14, 2023

[CIHR - Program Name: IYS-Net Phase 1: Building Learning Health System Networks](#)

CIHR's Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA), in partnership with Canada's Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR), the Graham Boeckh Foundation (GBF), the Bell-GBF Partnership, and RBC Future Launch.

Competition: 202306YNP

*Registration Deadline: May 11, 2023*

*Application Deadline: June 22, 2023*

Anticipated Notice of Decision: Dec 14, 2023

*For a comprehensive list of current CIHR funding opportunities, please click on the following link:*  
[ResearchNet](#)

- **NSERC**

[NSERC Discovery Grant](#)

NOI now available on Research Portal (<https://tinyurl.com/zk4nnrx>).

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

[NSERC Subatomic Physics](#)

NOI now available on Research Portal (<https://tinyurl.com/y9hxx7uy>).

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

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

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**

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

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

*Application Deadline(s): May 1, August 1, November 1, 2023*

[SSHRC - Reconciliation Network in Response to Call to Action 65 \(www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca\)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)  
 [\(www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca\)](https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

*Application Deadline(s): May 15, 2023*

[SSHRC - Imagining Canada's Future Ideas Lab: Global Health and Wellness for the 21st Century](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)  
([www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)) ([www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca))

Application Deadline(s): May 25, 2023

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

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

## 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](http://researchns.ca) ([researchns.ca](http://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/>

Change Lab Action Research Initiative: [CLARI](#)

Nova Scotia Health Research Fund for Scientific Affiliates: [Nova Scotia Health Research Fund](#)

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.

### **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.

Full competition guidelines for the Personnel Awards for Indigenous Scholars can be found here:

<https://www.heartandstroke.ca/what-we-do/research/for-researchers>

<https://www.coeuretavc.ca/ce-que-nous-faisons/recherche/coin-des-chercheurs>

#### **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.

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

### **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](#)

### **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](#)

### **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.

## 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/>.

**Hear from Tanja Harrison University Librarian & Sandra Sawchuk Data Services Librarian about RDM on Day 1 of the Research Office Spring Training, May 23rd! To RSVP, visit the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/hEpTSqCvx5>**

### **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 Lunarix**

On April 14, members of the Alliance's RDM team gave a webinar introducing Lunarix 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 Lunarix | 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



### **Many thanks, Marlene!**

On behalf of the Research Office at Mount Saint Vincent University, we are sorry to have to say farewell to our Research Grants Coordinator, Marlene Ramos. Marlene joined the Research Office in December 2022 and her last day will be May 5, 2023. We are grateful for Marlene's important contributions to the work of the Research Office and wish her all the very best in her new position.

In Marlene's absence, please direct all enquiries to [research@msvu.ca](mailto:research@msvu.ca)

### **Research Q&A**

The next Research Q&A will be held in August 2023. Stay tuned for emails from [researchcomms@msvu.ca](mailto:researchcomms@msvu.ca) with information about future sessions.

### **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.

### **2SLGBTQ+ Health Hub Call for Community, Academic, Professional Trainees**

The 2SLGBTQ+ Health Hub is looking for community, academic and professional trainees. Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria, as of September 1, 2023, to be eligible: Academic students: registered student in a graduate program (Masters, Doctoral) or healthcare provider program (undergraduate included) at a Canadian postsecondary institution. Community or Professional staff: employed in a government (municipal, provincial/territorial, federal), health



organization (hospital, clinic, health authority), or community-based organization (grassroots, formal not-for-profit, etc.).

A total of \$10,000 in funding will be provided to each Trainee in recognition for participation in all activities and components.

The full Call for Trainees is attached in both English and French and can also be accessed online.

[2023/2024 Call for 2SLGBTQ+ Health Hub Trainees](#)[2023/2024 Comité de santé 2ELGBTQ+ Appel aux candidatures](#)

*Applications are due Monday, May 15th.*

*Summary of the 2SLGBTQ+ Health Hub*

Funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), our 2SLGBTQ+ Health Hub tackles a major training and capacity gap in intersectional and community-informed 2SLGBTQ+ health and community interventions, including interventions for Indigenous, Black, and other People of Color queer communities. Our innovative 2SLGBTQ+ Hub, which fosters opportunities for asynchronous and synchronous learning and skill development, provides a suite of multi-modal training, engagement, and mentoring opportunities.

### **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. To find this toolkit, click the following link [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**

[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](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).

### **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 deadline for nominations is May 31st, 2023.*

#### *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) (laura@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.

**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)."

**MSVU Research History Project**

In the Research Office, we are aiming to recruit individuals from the MSVU faculty, administration, staff, and students to be a part of a research history planning committee. The aims of this committee are to obtain perspectives and insights on the history of MSVU's research that are understood through stories and memory to combine with the record-keeping from the MSVU archives. The first meeting is coming up on May 19th.

In keeping with the overarching theme of Impact & Access, and the themes presented in the Research Strategic Plan, we are looking for the committee's participation in projects such as a Special Edition Research Bulletin and our social media Project titled Inspiring Action: The Impact & Access of 150 Years of Research at MSVU.

Feel free to share this information with colleagues who you feel would be interested. If you have any questions please contact Elayna Foran, the MSVU 150 Research Ambassador, at [Elayna.Foran@MSVU.ca](mailto:Elayna.Foran@MSVU.ca).

*If you are interested in participating in any way, please complete the following form:*

<https://forms.office.com/r/f5eL3uXQM3>

# 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](#)

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>

*Join us on Day 2 of Spring Training via Microsoft Teams or in McCain 401 to learn more about publishing to The Conversation Canada. This session will include hearing from published members of MSVU Faculty, learning about our institutional analytics, tips and tricks for writing, copyright, and more! To RSVP, visit the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/hEpTSqCvx5>*

### **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:**

- Shannan Grant, Andrea J. Glenn, Dayna Lee-Baggley, "3 ways to unlock the power of food to promote heart health". Read more at the following link <https://theconversation.com/3-ways-to-unlock-the-power-of-food-to-promote-heart-health-20022>
- 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



### **Smashing Smishing: SMS Text Message Scams**

When a scammer sends phishing texts, it's called "smishing" for "SMS phishing". A recent job scam on campus involved a web form that asked for your email address, password, and cell phone number. The scammers then logged into people's Office 365 accounts with the password, and then texted that person to ask for the multifactor authentication (MFA) code that Office 365 sent to their phone. With the password and the MFA code, the scammers could log into their Mount account, which they used to send more job scam and phishing emails. IT&S will never text you asking for your MFA codes. Your MFA codes are for your eyes only, so never share them with anyone. Smishing texts can have the same red flags as phishing emails. Learn more on our [website](#) or by taking our free [cybersecurity training course](#).

### **One Phish, Two Phish, Three Phish**

Emails that fish for your credit card number, SIN, or password are called "phishing". Recent phishing emails at MSVU claimed that you requested to terminate your account, and that if you didn't click a suspicious link to verify your account, then IT&S would terminate it. IT&S never sends threatening emails like this, and we never ask you to click account verification links. The link opened a web form asking for your email address, password, and cell phone number. Learn the red flags of phishing emails on our website or by taking our free cybersecurity training course.

### **Research Cybersecurity Courses**

Industry Canada provides two free research cybersecurity courses called "Introduction to Research Security" and "Cyber Security for Researchers." Each course has a duration of approximately 30 to 40 minutes, and at the end of each you can download a certificate of completion. You can access the courses on [the Industry Canada Safeguarding Your Research website](#).

### **Software Catalogue**



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

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