



# September Research Bulletin

**September 5th, 2023**

Welcome to the Fall 2023 semester! For more information on any of the Research Bulletin items, please contact [research@msvu.ca](mailto:research@msvu.ca)



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## Events & Webinars

- **September 6th, 10:00am-1:00pm** [Visnea](#) **Open Research Policy Workshops: Arts, Social sciences and Humanities**

Researchers, students, administrators, research support staff and librarians wishing to participate are kindly requested to register for the session in advance. The session will take place at the Halifax Central Library and will run from 10 am - 1.30 pm. Snacks will be provided.

Contact: Maria Pawlowska, [m.pawlowska@visnea.org](mailto:m.pawlowska@visnea.org), 902-300-8086

[Register for this event!](#)

- **September 7, 6:30pm Falling Walls Lab Atlantic Canada**

Falling Walls Lab Atlantic Canada is a Dalhousie-sponsored pitch competition bringing together students and early career innovators. Witness the lightning-fast presentations and get a glimpse into the freshest thinking on creating biodegradable plastic alternatives, making battery supply more resilient, tackling waterborne diseases, improving youth mental health care, protecting marine ecosystems, and more.

Questions? Please email [ovpri@dal.ca](mailto:ovpri@dal.ca).

[Register for this event!](#)

- **September 13th, 12:00-1:00 EDT 50-30 Challenge Event, Stand By Me-Intentional Intervention**

Hosted by Fanshawe College and the 50-30 Challenge Hub, this workshop addresses the differences between 'calling in' & 'calling out' as a framework to intervene when you see discrimination. It will also look at the barriers one may face confronting discrimination and how to break down those barriers to confront it effectively.

[Register for this event!](#)

- **September 13th, 10:00am-1:00pm [Visnea](#) Open Research Policy Workshops: Sciences**

In-person workshops will include an introduction to open research concepts and no prior experience or knowledge is required. During the meeting we will workshop concepts around open research and how to optimize its implementation in Nova Scotia. Researchers, students, administrators, research support staff and librarians wishing to participate are kindly requested to register for the session in advance. The session will take place at the Halifax Central Library and will run from 10 am - 1.30 pm. Snacks will be provided.

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- **September 14th, 50-30 Challenge Event, Gender Equality in the Workplace**

Join College Boreal for this 50-30 Challenge webinar on gender equality in the workplace, where they will explore the importance of creating a gender-balanced and inclusive work environment. Strategies to promote equal opportunities, challenge biases, and foster diversity in leadership positions will be discussed. Gain insights into best practices for addressing gender disparities and creating a more equitable workplace for all.

Deliverable: Compare and discuss practical examples and case studies showcasing successful initiatives for fostering diversity in leadership positions.

[Register for this event!](#)

- **September 14th, 1:00-2:00 EDT, 50-30 Challenge Event, Bringing Neurodiversity to the Forefront in your workplace**

If you've wanted to learn more about neurodiversity, why it's essential to understand, and how it can positively impact your workplace, this webinar is for you. Hosted by Fanshawe College and the 50-30

Challenge, This webinar is designed to help you identify opportunities for increasing neurodiversity inclusion in the workplace, detect how to strengthen the workplace through practices designed to play to neurodiverse talent, explain how inclusive leadership can lead to improved organizational culture, and share examples of how the growing neurodiversity movement is impacting society.

[Register for this event!](#)

- **September 14th, 4:00-5:00 College Student Success Innovation Centre Research Fellowship Webinar**

The [College Student Success Innovation Centre](#) (CSSIC) at Mohawk College is hosting [Informational Webinars](#) about the **CSSIC Research Fellowship**. These webinars will provide background on and context for the fellowship, a guided review of the Call for Applications, and facilitation of questions from attendees. Those interested can register for one or more upcoming webinars.

For any further questions, or to request a meeting with the CSSIC, please email [cssic@mohawkcollege.ca](mailto:cssic@mohawkcollege.ca).

[Register for this event!](#)

- **September 21, 1:00-3:00 AST Use, Implementation and Design of Open Educational Resources**

Thursday, September 21, 1:00pm-3:00pm in McCain 302 (or send an email to [jennifer.rizwan@msvu.ca](mailto:jennifer.rizwan@msvu.ca) to request a Teams link).

Join the MSVU Teaching and Learning Centre and Library as we welcome guest speakers; Kristene Collier, Sonja Johnston and Blake Kanewischer from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

The purpose of this professional development workshop will be to engage with instructors who are considering the implementation of OERs for their courses. The panelists will draw on their experiences in selecting OER content as a part of their course design and how it can improve student accessibility and student outcomes. Panelists will outline the advantages and disadvantages of OERs and help participants identify potential challenges that they may encounter through its implementation. Panelists will also be able to provide recommendations for best practices when selecting and implementing OERs as a part of their course design. **To Register, send an email to [Jennifer.rizwan@msvu.ca](mailto:Jennifer.rizwan@msvu.ca)**

- **September 25, 12:00-1:00, Connecting Your Grant Proposal: Aligning with Funder's Missions and Priorities**

This event hosted by the MSVU Research Office will help you find where your research aligns with external funding agencies. Join us via MS Teams to hear about the upcoming plans and priorities of funding agencies and how you can connect your upcoming grant proposals. RSVP to [elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca](mailto:elisabeth.heroux-rhymes@msvu.ca) for the MS Teams link.

- **September 27, 12:30-1:30 MSVU Faculty Teaching Colloquium with Mohammad Siddiquee (Business Department): Unlocking the Potential of Educational Technologies to Enhance Teaching and Learning**

Join the TLC in McCain 106 or contact [Jennifer.Rizwan@msvu.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Rizwan@msvu.ca) for a link to join virtually. Mohammad will draw on his experiences in using educational technology to accommodate a broader range of student learning practices in face-to-face and online learning

environments. Student engagement and continual improvement in educational technologies inspire this work and motivate us to continue reimagining learning across the disciplines.

- **September 28, 1:00-2:00 (EDT) NSERC Q&A Live Webinar: How to complete an RTI application(English session)**

Pre-registration is not required to attend the live Q&A sessions. The session will be open 15 minutes in advance. Considering the high attendance to our live Q&A sessions, NSERC staff may not have time to respond to all individual questions during the sessions. Any additional questions should be directed to our support team at [NSERC Discovery](#). Consult the [live Q&A sessions page](#) to learn about upcoming sessions.

- **October 26, 8:00-4:00, Alzheimer Society Nova Scotia Annual Conference**

Join colleagues across the dementia care sector for a day of **Weaving Connections in Dementia Care**. This conference offers a prime opportunity to weave ideas together and build new connections to strengthen the sector. Gather with Alzheimer Society Nova Scotia in person at their NEW VENUE, the Delta Hotel in Dartmouth, or join the virtual livestream.

[Register for this event!](#)

## Black and Indigenous Speaker Series Fall 2023

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*Have you registered for the Fall 2023 Black and Indigenous Speaker Series yet?*

*Dr. El Jones, Assistant professor in Political & Canadian Studies at MSVU, as well as poet, activist and journalist, will be providing a talk titled "Loving Dogs, Loving Cops: The Weaponization of Police Dogs." This event will be held on **Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, from 12:00pm-1:00pm in McCain 302 & MS Teams.***

*Dr. Barb Hamilton-Hinch, Assistant Vice Provost of Equity and Inclusion and Associate Professor in the School of Health and Human Performance at Dalhousie University will be providing a talk on "Leading from a Race Conscious Lens." Her talk will be held on **Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, from 12:00pm-1:00pm on MS Teams.***

*To register for either event, please email [speakerseries@msvu.ca](mailto:speakerseries@msvu.ca)! Share this information widely, all are welcome!*

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## Canada Research Chair Renewals

Congratulations to Dr. Zachary Zimmer and Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac for their recent Canada Research Chair renewals! Dr. Zimmer holds a Tier I Canada Research Chair in Global Aging and Community, and Dr. McIsaac holds a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Early Childhood: Diversity and Transitions. Learn more about [MSVU's four Canada Research Chairs](#).

## Funding Opportunities



### Internal Grants

[Read more about \*\*internal grants\*\*, including instructions and the application forms.](#)

[Read more about CRP Policies, Standard Operating Procedures, and adjudication matrices.](#)

#### October 1

- SSHRC Exchange and Explore

#### October 15

- Standard Grant
- Salary-based Grant
- Book Launches
- Aid to Scholarly Publications and Communications

#### December 1

- President's Award for Research Excellence
- Early Career Research Award
- Tri-Agency USRAs (Winter Term, **if applicable**): NSERC USRA, CIHR and SSHRC USRA Designated Awards

#### Open Submission

- New Scholar's Grant

- Assistance to Prepare a Large-Scale Collaborative Grant

#### **NOTES:**

- To request an extension, please contact [derra.truscott@msvu.ca](mailto:derra.truscott@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.

### **Tri-Agency Funding Opportunities:**

#### **CIHR**

##### **Upcoming Opportunities:**

[Canadian Brain Health and Cognitive Impairment in Aging Research Knowledge Mobilization \(KM\) Hub](#)

[Evaluation of Programs, Services and Innovative Models of Care for People Impacted by Dementia](#)

[CIHR Pan-Canadian Network for HIV/AIDS and STBBI Clinical Trials Research](#)

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

##### **Current Opportunities:**

- **August Application Deadline**

[Operating Grant: Clinical Trials Projects](#)

- **September Application Deadline**

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

*\*Registration/LOI Deadline: 8/17/2023*

[Project Grant: Fall 2023 Priority Announcement \(Specific Research Areas\)](#)

*\*Registration/LOI Deadline: 8/17/2023*

[Fellowship: Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program \(2023-2024\)](#)

[Operating Grant: Bringing Rare Disease Gene Therapies to Clinical Trial Readiness](#)

[Fellowship: Human Frontier Science Program – Fellowship Program](#)

*\*Registration/LOI Deadline: 5/11/2023*

- **October Application Deadline**

[Operating Grant: Data Analysis Using Existing Databases and Cohorts \(2023\)](#)

*\*Registration/LOI Deadline: 9/7/2023*

[Catalyst Grant: Health Impacts of Gambling and Gaming](#)

*\*Registration/LOI Deadline: 9/26/2023*

[Undergraduate: Undergraduate Student Research Awards \(USRA\)](#)

[Fellowship: Fall 2023 Priority Announcement \(Specific Research Areas\)](#)

[Operating Grant: CRISM Indigenous Engagement Platform](#)

[Operating Grant: CRISM Network Coordinating Centre](#)

[Other: NWHRI: Pan-Canadian Women's Health Coalition - Coordinating Centre](#)

*\*Registration/LOI Deadline: 9/28/2023*

- **November Application Deadline:**

[Team Grant: Strengthening the Health Workforce for System Transformation](#)

*\*Registration/LOI Deadline: 10/5/2023*

## **SSHRC**

### **SSHRC - Current Opportunities**

- **September Application Deadline**

[SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

[Partnership Engage Grants](#)

[Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

- **October Application Deadline**

[Insight Grants](#)

[Canada Graduate Scholarships—Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements](#)

[SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships and Canada Graduate Scholarships—Doctoral program](#)

[Social Sciences and Humanities Research Network on Sustainable Agriculture in a Net-Zero Economy](#)

[Partnership Grants—Stage 2](#)

- **November Application Deadline:**



[Connection Grants](#)

[Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#)

[Partnership Development Grants](#)

[Imagining Canada's Future Ideas Lab: Global Health and Wellness in the 21st Century—Stage 2](#)

- **December Application Deadline:**

[Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master's Program](#)

[Partnership Engage Grants](#)

- **February Application Deadline:**

[Connection Grants](#)

[Insight Development Grants](#)

[Partnership Grants—Stage 1](#)

- **March Application Deadline:**

[Partnership Engage Grants](#)

- **April Application Deadline:**

[SSHRC Impact Awards](#)

## NSERC

- **September Application Deadline**

[Idea to Innovation grants](#)

- **October Application Deadline**

[NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship Program \(PDF\)](#)

[NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships - Doctoral \(PGS D\)](#)

[Research Tools and Instruments grants program \(RTI\)](#)

[Subatomic Physics Research Tools and Instruments grants program category 1 \(SAP-RTI\)](#)

[Alliance Quantum Grants](#)

- **November Application Deadline**

[Discovery Grants - Northern Research Supplements Program \(NRS\)](#)

[DND/NSERC Discovery Grant Supplements](#)

[NSERC Awards for Science Promotion - Individual \(NASPI\)](#)

[NSERC Awards for Science Promotion - Organization \(NASPO\)](#)

[Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering](#)

[Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering](#)

[NSERC Donna Strickland Prize for Societal Impact of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research](#)

[NSERC John C. Polanyi Award](#)

- **December Application Deadline**

[Arthur B. McDonald Fellowship](#)

- **January Application Deadline**

[College and Community Innovation Program – Technology Access Centre grants](#)

\*Registration Deadline 09/06/2023

- **No Application Deadline**

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

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

[NSERC Indigenous Student Ambassadors \(NISA\)](#)

- **NSERC Prizes Call for Nominations**

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) has opened the [call for nominations for its whole suite of prizes](#) with a new competition cycle starting in August. These recognitions celebrate outstanding scientists and engineers across the country in academia, industry, and the public and not-for-profit sectors.

Prizes are an impactful way to promote role models for the next generation. View our suite of prizes and share this information broadly and inclusively to help us recognize the full breadth of our community. While the call for nominations is currently open for all prizes, the nomination deadlines vary. [Read more about the prizes & deadlines.](#)

### **Other External Funding Opportunities:**

#### **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.](#)

#### **Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS) Program**

The Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS) Program at the Department of National Defence (DND) is dedicated to promoting collaboration between DND and the external expert community, including academia, and support researchers and students in their pursuit of knowledge

and innovation, to inform defence policy as well as national and public discussions in the areas of defence and security.

These opportunities are open to researchers, and students, intended to foster a community of scholars dedicated to advancing research and thinking in defence and security.

- The [MINDS-SSHRC joint scholarship initiative](#) offers a range of scholarships and fellowships designed to support research talent, including among Indigenous students. Multi-year funding is available for Doctoral (**\$35,000 per year**) and Post-Doctoral students (**\$45,000 per year**), with award supplements for Master's students (**\$10,000**). Full, one-year Master's awards are available for Indigenous students whose studies relate to defence and security (**\$17,500**). We encourage interested students to find further details on these scholarships by visiting the official SSHRC website at: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/dnd-minds-eng.aspx>
- Our [Targeted Engagement Grants](#) present an opportunity for researchers to receive non-recurring financial support of **up to \$50,000**, enabling them to pursue impactful projects, such as conferences, workshops and research papers. More comprehensive information on Targeted Engagement Grants can be found [here](#).
- Additionally, the [Young MINDS Grant](#) provides **up to \$10,000** in financial support for currently enrolled undergraduate and Master's students undertaking research projects in defence and security.

### **College Student Success Innovation Centre Research Fellowship**

The [College Student Success Innovation Centre](#) (CSSIC) at Mohawk College has launched the CSSIC Research Fellowship to provide funding to emerging and established external scholars at Canadian postsecondary institutions whose research is positioned to promote college student success.

**Value:** \$25,000 to \$100,000 per project (maximum funding envelope: \$100,000)

**Duration:** 1 to 3 years

**Application Deadline:** October 20, 2023

**Anticipated Start Date:** May 2024

The full [Call for Applications](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs), and information on upcoming [Informational Webinars](#) about the opportunity, are available on [CSSIC website](#).

### **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.](#)

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### *Mitacs*

*Mitacs powers research & development creation by connecting private sector with the best post-secondary institutions to solve organizational challenges — in Canada and internationally. For 20 years, Mitacs has funded cutting-edge research, created job opportunities for graduate students and helped companies reach their goals, achieving results that have bolstered the Canadian economy and impact.*

[Get in touch with Mitacs](#)

[Read more about Mitacs](#)

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### 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

### [MITACS](#) - Just Announced

Calling international undergrads! The [2024 Globalink Research Internship \(GRI\) student call](#) will be opening **mid-August 2023**. Successful applicants will travel to Canada between May and October 2024 to work with outstanding faculty and researchers.

[Mitacs Elevate](#) is now accepting proposals **all year round** to unlock more opportunities and flexibility for postdoc researchers across the globe! PLUS, one-year proposals are now accepted for a standard **\$60,000 award** and projects are open to all disciplines.

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*Change Lab Action Research CLARI*

*CLARI supports local research partnerships between community partners and faculty/ student researchers. We do this by connecting communities to expertise in our partner institutions and enabling collaboration through our grant funding.*

**[Get in touch with CLARI](#)**

**[Read more about CLARI](#)**

***Research Nova Scotia***

*Research Nova Scotia supports, organizes, and coordinates research. With the curiosity to imagine a better world, and the determination to make it real, we champion the people and resources needed to improve the lives of Nova Scotians.*

**NOTE:** *Research Nova Scotia has sent us stickers of their new logo for equipment purchased with RNS matching funds. If you have RNS funded equipment, come by the Research Office (EVR 223) to pick up your sticker.*

**[Contact RNS](#)**

**[Read more about RNS](#)**

***Industry Liaison Office***

*The Industry Liaison Office (ILO) facilitates research relationships between faculty members and government departments, private companies industrial associations and international agencies.*

*The ILO fosters and supports **joint research initiatives**, assists faculty in research contract development, intellectual property protection and private sector sponsorship. We also establish collaborations between researchers and external partners and license technologies to industry. Mount Saint Vincent University is a member of [Springboard Atlantic](#), a regional commercialization and industry liaison network.*

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## Announcements

### **Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity Call for Nominations**

Awarded through the tri-agency Canada Research Chairs Program (CRCP), the award recognizes the significant and impactful contributions that Marjorie Griffin Cohen, Louise Forsyth, Glenis Joyce, Audrey Kobayashi, Shree Mulay, Susan Prentice, Michèle Ollivier and Wendy Robbins have made to increase the level of equity in the CRCP and Canada's research ecosystem more broadly, by way of their 2003 Canadian Human Rights complaints and their concerted efforts in the mediation processes, which led to both the 2006 Settlement Agreement and its addendum in 2019. The award recognizes the contributions of the entire group, while being named after the late Michèle Ollivier and Wendy Robbins, who passed away in 2010 and 2017, respectively, prior to the signing of the 2019 Addendum.

For additional information on the award including its objectives, the award value, eligibility and how to apply, please see the following link:

[Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity \(chairs-chaire.gc.ca\)](https://chairs-chaire.gc.ca/robbins-ollivier-award-for-excellence-in-equity)

**The deadline to submit nominations is November 7, 2023, 8:00 pm (eastern).**

### **Troubleshooting/Additional Questions?**

Please send an email to [information@chairs-chaire.gc.ca](mailto:information@chairs-chaire.gc.ca)

### **Call for Proposals: Critical Minerals Research**

[Canada's Critical Minerals Strategy](#) was released in December 2022 with the intent of continuing to provide foundational support to Canada's mining sector to take advantage of existing and emerging opportunities. Alliance Missions grants are intended to provide support for research activities that will advance Canadian knowledge, models, processes, tools and technologies, and/or develop efficient options to advance a domestic circular economy, and/or support the development of best practices in technology, innovation and collaborative ventures.

- **Value and duration:**

\$100,000-\$500,000 per year

Three years

- **Deadlines:**

Letter of Intent: September 7, 2023, 8 p.m. (ET)

Application deadline: November 9, 2023, 8 p.m. (ET)

**Wicked Bodies Episode 1 Available Now!**

A bilingual first-person documentary series, Wicked Bodies is an unprecedented social impact film project focused on the experiences of disordered eating within 2SLGBTQI+ communities, creating a platform to save lives through poignant storytelling that is emotional, reflective and hopeful. The Wicked Bodies Toolkit will be launched in 2025.

Dr. Phillip Joy and his team are hoping to reach over 20,000 views of Wicked Bodies, Episode 1: Disordered Eating.

### [Watch the video to the end!](#)

Wicked Bodies is co-created by Dr Phillip Joy and Truefaux Films, with collaborative contributions from 25 partners across Canada. Click here for more information: <http://phillipjoy.ca/wicked-bodies.html>.

### **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.

### [Global Excellence Initiative Brochure](#)

### **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**

[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'eᓂah](#) (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).

### **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

[Read more about CIHR French Peer Review](#)

### **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).

## 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 \(alliancecan.ca\)](#)

### Research Management Online Survey

As part of a wider Nova Scotia Open Research project, members of the Visnea organization are asking for participants in a Research Management Online Survey. This [Online survey](#), which should take no more than 20 minutes and can be anonymous, or participants can leave their email if they wish to be entered into a draw for one of the three \$50 Tim Hortons gift cards. Please feel free to share this with any colleagues in Nova Scotia. Any questions can be directed to [m.pawlowska@visnea.org](mailto:m.pawlowska@visnea.org).

## Ressources & Tips



### MSVU's EDIA Hub

The EDIA Hub is a central spot where all members of the MSVU community can learn about the equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility (EDIA) resources available at the university, as well as community and cultural resources available beyond MSVU.

For students, faculty and staff from historically underrepresented groups, the hub provides a safe space where you can access the resources you need to support your success at MSVU.

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/>

### The 50-30 Challenge

The 50-30 Challenge Team is proud to release several new resources to help build the capacity of organizations, including:

**Resources to Recruit:** Unlock the power of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in your organization.

**Resources to Retain:** Retain and nurture diverse talent for organizational success.

**Resources to Include:** Foster the growth and development of diverse talent within your organization.

You can now access additional tools from the [What Works Toolkit](#), which includes:

- Comprehensive learning e-modules and microlearnings
- Templates, checklists, sample documents and more

[Read more about all resources available.](#)

[Sign up for the 50-30 Challenge mailing list!](#)

### **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.

### **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>.

### **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](#).

### **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](#).

### **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](#)
  - [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](#)
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### **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.

# 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!**

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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).

### **MSVU Articles in August:**

- Dr. Conor Barker (MSVU) and Patrick Richards (University of Saskatchewan) "Saskatchewan naming and pronoun policy: The best interests of children must guide provincial parental consent rules" [Read the full article.](#)

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