

# RESEARCH BULLETIN

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## VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

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### **[NEW]** SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants Information Session

Please join the MSVU Research Office on **Thursday, June 10 from 10:00am to 11:30am** via Microsoft Teams for an information session on the SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants (PEG).

Partnership Engage Grants support one-year projects, to a maximum of \$25,000, between one or more researchers and a single eligible partner organization (business, NGO, municipality, First Nations organization or community, federal/provincial agency or department) to address an issue, problem, challenge, or opportunity. There is no requirement for any matching funds from the partner or anyone else. Deadlines are quarterly – June 15, September 15, December 15, and March 15 of every year.

This is a vastly underutilized program with lots of opportunity for success – in 2020, the program had a 60.5% success rate. If you have (or had) CLARI or internal grant funding with any kind of partner, this could be expanded into a wider SSHRC application.

This information session will cover the application, what makes a successful application, what is required of the partner organization, and other aspects of the program and application. Please feel free to invite community or industry partners, colleagues, project managers, or other members of your research team.

Find more information at the [program site here](#). If you are looking for some inspiration about the types of projects funded under PEG, you can search the [Awards Recipients](#) list on the SSHRC website -- click on the funding program name and competition date.

Please RSVP to Jessica Long at [Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca](mailto:Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca).

### **[NEW]** SSHRC Explore and Exchange Grants Information Session

Please join the MSVU Research Office on **Tuesday, June 15 from 10:00am to 11:30am** via Microsoft Teams for an information session on the SSHRC Explore and Exchange Grants.

SSHRC Explore and Exchange Grants are internal grants that provide support for small-scale research projects and knowledge exchange or mobilization activities that fall under SSHRC's mandate. Administered at the university level, SSHRC Explore and Exchange grants are subject to competitive adjudication by the Committee on Research and Publications.

Come learn more about SSHRC Explore and Exchange grants, the application and adjudication process. If you're looking for an internal grant to hire a student or disseminate your research, this information session is for you!

SSHRC Exchange and Explore grants are financed from an annual grant made to the Mount by SSHRC in general support of research and scholarly work that falls under SSHRC's mandate. Full-time faculty and librarians are eligible to apply for this opportunity.

Please **RSVP** to Jessica Long at [Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca](mailto:Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca).

**[NEW]** SickKids Research Integrity Symposium Series 2021

**Research Integrity in Academic Publishing: how bad science spreads and what we all can do about it**

Dr. Serge Horbach, PhD., Danish Centre for Studies in Research & Research Policy, Aarhus University

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 10:00am-11:30am EDT**

Increasingly, concerns about bad science spreading in the academic literature are being voiced. Traditionally, journal peer review is considered one of the ways to prevent this, maintaining academic standards and acting as science's most prominent form of self-regulation. However, the system's effectiveness is increasingly called into question. During this interactive session, we will explore how bad science spreads through the academic literature and what we, as readers, authors, and reviewers in our daily practices can do to prevent that.

**REGISTER NOW!**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IAZJbeVUQZ-Lyjr\\_tjvNXQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IAZJbeVUQZ-Lyjr_tjvNXQ)

Questions? Email [research.integrity@sickkids.ca](mailto:research.integrity@sickkids.ca)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### [NEW] Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Mechanism and Related Grants

The tri-agencies have recently launched a one year pilot of a [tri-agency interdisciplinary peer review mechanism](#). There are three points of entry for review at this committee, shown below. Applicants should submit their application to the funding opportunity that best supports the research project's dominant research discipline or area. SSHRC and CIHR are not creating new opportunities for this peer review mechanism; selecting this committee will be included in the drop-down menu for Insight and Project Grants.

SSHRC Insight Grants	CIHR Fall 2021 Project Grant	NSERC Discovery Horizons Grant
<b>Full Application:</b> October 1, 2021	<b>Registration:</b> August 2021	<b>Letter of Intent:</b> June 15, 2021
	<b>Full Application:</b> September 2021	<b>Full Application:</b> October 18, 2021
<b>Committee Meeting:</b> Winter 2022		
<b>Notices of Decision:</b> Spring 2022		

### [NEW] NSERC Announces \*New\* Discovery Horizons Grant

NSERC is launching a pilot funding opportunity to support investigator-initiated individual and team projects that broadly integrate or transcend disciplines to advance knowledge in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE). Full applications submitted to this NSERC program will be reviewed by a tri-agency interdisciplinary peer review committee.

In partnership with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), NSERC is piloting this new interdisciplinary peer review mechanism.

The Discovery Horizons program provides NSERC's entry-point to the tri-agency interdisciplinary peer-review mechanism. It supports Discovery research projects that would significantly benefit from being assessed by a tri-agency interdisciplinary peer review committee, and aims to:

1. answer NSE research questions that are best addressed through interdisciplinary approaches,
2. advance NSE disciplines through cross fertilization and new ways of thinking about research questions, ideas and frameworks; approaches and methods; platforms, tools and infrastructure; people, partners and trainees, and
3. provide leading-edge NSE training for highly qualified personnel (HQP) in interdisciplinary research environments.

Discovery Horizons grants are expected to be between \$50,000 and \$100,000 per year. For this pilot year, NSERC is expecting to award 10 to 20 grants.

The deadline for letters of intent is **15 June 2021**.

For more information, please contact [horizons@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:horizons@nserc-crsng.gc.ca).

## **[NEW]** Interagency Grant Calendar

Canada's federal research funding agencies—the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)—together with the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), offer a wide-range of funding opportunities for researchers, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and research institutions.

The integrated calendar lists the principal funding opportunities offered by the four agencies, including agency-specific programs and ones that are jointly administered. The table includes links to the related program web page for more information on each opportunity. The Search tool and filters can be used to quickly return results of specific interest, such as agency-specific or interagency programs with upcoming deadlines.

## **[NEW]** Notification of Intent to Apply – Discovery Grants & Subatomic Physic

This message signals the start of another competition cycle. Researchers who intend to apply for a Discovery Grant (DG), Subatomic Physics Discovery (SAP-DG), Major Resources Support (SAP-MRS), or Category 2 or 3 Research Tools and Instruments (SAP-RTI) in the 2022 competition must submit a Notification of Intent to Apply (NOI) by the deadline date of Tuesday August 3, 2021, 8:00 p.m. (ET). We ask that you monitor the status of the NOIs in the Research Portal regularly and follow up with researchers who may have started but not completed the process.

Discovery Grant NOI now available on Research Portal (<https://tinyurl.com/zk4nrx>). Deadline date August 3, 2021, 8pm (ET).

Subatomic Physics NOI now available on Research Portal (<https://tinyurl.com/y9hxx7uy>). Deadline date August 3, 2021, 8pm (ET).

The Early Career Researcher (ECR) option for Discovery Grant extension with funds process will commence end of May.

### **[NEW]** New Funding Opportunity – ICF Ideas Lab

SSHRC's [Imagining Canada's Future](#) (ICF) initiative has launched the [ICF Ideas Lab](#), an exciting new pilot funding opportunity for scholars from all disciplines who are interested in developing innovative solutions to global challenges in collaboration with others.

In the *ICF Ideas Lab*, researchers from across Canada will come together in a virtual workshop to address the global challenge of [Living within the Earth's Carrying Capacity](#) with a dedicated focus on "Canada and the Circular Economy."

At the workshop, participants will form research teams and develop ground-breaking project ideas with the potential to inform policies and programs addressing the needs of diverse sectors throughout Canada. Following the workshop, teams with the most promising project ideas will be invited to apply for funding; up to 3 grants of up to \$250,000 will be awarded by March 2022, for two years.

We invite you to disseminate this call widely. More information about the *ICF Ideas Lab* can be found on the [ICF webpage](#). An English-language webinar will be held on May 19 to answer questions about the funding opportunity; more details will be posted on the [Upcoming Webinar page](#) shortly.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest for the workshop is **July 16, 2021**. For more information on the call, please contact: [KSG-SSC@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:KSG-SSC@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca).

**[NEW]** Significant Changes to US Grant Biosketch and Other Support  
Please pay special attention to the following **significant changes to the NIH Biosketch and Other Support guidelines** go into effect May 25, 2021 as outlined in [NOT-OD-21-073](#).

Please note for **Other Support** submissions that include **foreign activities and resources**, recipients are required to submit **copies of contracts, grants or any other agreement** specific to senior/key personnel foreign appointments and/or employment with a foreign institution as supporting documentation. If they are not in English, recipients must provide translated copies.

\*\*\*Note: New biosketch and other support formats **should be** used for all proposals, JIT and RPPR submissions on/after May 25, 2021. Proposals submitted without the new format on/after January 25, 2022 will be **withdrawn** by NIH.

### **Biosketches**

- Biosketch Format website for the most up to date information: [grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm)
- FAQ [grants.nih.gov/faqs#/biosketches.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/biosketches.htm)

### **Other Support**

- Other Support website for the most up to date information: [grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/othersupport.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/othersupport.htm)
- FAQ: [grants.nih.gov/faqs#/...](https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/...)
- Foreign Appointments and Secondary Faculty Appointments are required sections of the new template

US federal granting agencies are streamlining application requirements and it is likely these changes will apply to all agencies.

For further information, please visit: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-073.html>

**[NEW]** Fulbright Opportunities for Canadian Scholars for 22/23 academic year

Fulbright grants support research with colleagues across the U.S. for a **4 to 9-month** period. Applications are accepted through **November 15th, 2021**, and these opportunities are for a start date of **September 2022 or January 2023**.

See attached for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **[NEW]** BHER Launches 2021-2022 Request for Proposals

The Business + Higher Education Roundtable (BHER) has launched its 2021-2022 request for proposals: *Creating New WTL for Canada*.

BHER has set a goal of helping every student in Canada to get a work integrated learning opportunity during their first post-secondary diploma or degree, and they are seeking partners to help them achieve this goal. BHER is welcoming proposals from all regions of Canada, in either official language, and focused on any student or employer sub-group. BHER encourages applicants to consider submitting proposals in one or more of the following priority areas: Equity, diversity, and inclusion; rural, remote and northern communities; and entrepreneurship and small and medium sized enterprises.

A Q&A session will be hosted by BHER on June 3, 2021, from 1-2pm ET to answer any questions you may have about the request for proposals. You can register ahead of time [here](#).

Further information on submission requirements, along with the application form and budget template can be found through [this link](#). RFP submissions will close on June 15, 2021 at 11:59 pm (ET).

### **[NEW]** Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) Announcement

The University Research Ethics Board (UREB) has recently acquired a Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) and is also now registered as an Institutional Review Board (IRB) in the United States of America. Under the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Code of Federal Regulations 45: Part 46 A Protection of Human Subjects §46.103, every institution engaged in human subjects research supported or conducted by any United States Federal Department or Agency must have assurance of compliance approved by the United States Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). The Assurance formalizes MSVU's commitment to protect human subjects.

OHRP Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) and Institutional Review Board (IRB) assurance have been obtained for the MSVU UREB as noted below (REB is the Canadian equivalent of IRB).

<b>Type of Assurance:</b> Federal Wide ( <a href="#">see details</a> ) <b>Policy Number:</b> FWA00031225 <b>Expiry Date:</b> <b>May 5, 2026</b>	<b>Type of Assurance:</b> Institutional Review Board ( <a href="#">see details</a> ) <b>Policy Number:</b> IRB00013058 <b>Expiry Date:</b> <b>April 13, 2024</b>
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Under the FWA, all investigators submitting for DHHS-supported agency grants or contracts require education on the protection of human participants in research. Assurance that an appropriate course has been taken is needed for all renewals and new applications once a decision on funding has been reached by the agency (in other words, no course – no funds). This includes the Principal Investigator(s) (PI) and research team members. The following online course is recognized by MSVU as fulfilling this responsibility”:

- **Course on Research Ethics (CORE) tutorial** for the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS)  
This course is mandatory for all researchers, students and REB members who are involved with research with human participants or their data, as it provides a good foundation for ethical conduct in human participant research.

Other courses, some which **may** charge a fee, are available in the USA such as:

- NIH-supported Protection of Human Research Participants (PRHP) [Online Training](#)
- HHS - [Educational Resources for Investigators](#)
- HHS – [Human Research Protection Program Resources](#)
- HHS - [Online Education](#)
- CITI Program – [Research, Ethics and Compliance Training](#)

For any questions regarding the use of the FWA or NIH funding, please contact:

<b>FWA</b> – <a href="mailto:ethics@msvu.ca">ethics@msvu.ca</a>	<b>NIH Funding</b> – <a href="mailto:research@msvu.ca">research@msvu.ca</a>
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For more information, please visit our website à [Research Ethics \(msvu.ca\)](#)

### **[NEW]** [CIHR Delegates Update from Dr. Derek Fisher](#)

As the University Delegate to CIHR for MSVU, I am pleased to bring you updates from the monthly delegate meetings. Below is a summary of some of the major CIHR news from the May meeting.

- The Tri-Agency introduced a [new interdisciplinary peer review committee](#). This provides an option for researchers working in interdisciplinary research to have their grant applications reviewed by this new interdisciplinary peer review committee with expertise from across the social sciences, humanities, natural



sciences, engineering, and health sciences. For CIHR, the use of this new peer review committee will begin for the CIHR Fall 2021 Project Grant competition.

- CIHR is working towards implementing the Applicant CV, which is an option for co-applicants primarily aimed at knowledge users, non-academics, Indigenous organizations, and international applicants. Unless otherwise noted in the funding opportunity, these applicants may choose to submit the CIHR Biosketch CV or the Applicant Profile CV, regardless of their role within the application. Canadian academic (independent) researchers must continue using the CIHR Biosketch CCV template.
- In the most recent federal budget CIHR received \$20 million (over 5 years) to support a National Institute for Women's Health Research that will advance a coordinated research program that addresses under researched and high-priority areas of women's health.

If you would like to discuss these more, or to provide feedback you would like me to bring to CIHR, please feel free to reach out or attend one of the monthly drop-in sessions I will be holding.

### **[NEW]** Call for Expressions of Interest to contribute to and participate in CAN BON Workshop

We would like to inform you of the new call for Expressions of Interest to participate in a workshop to identify initiatives, data and resources that could contribute to and guide the establishment of a potential Canadian Biodiversity Observation Network (CAN BON): [CAN BON workshop](#).

### **[NEW]** Open Grants: A Repository for Researchers to Deposit and Read Grant Applications

An increasing number of researchers are sharing their grant proposals openly. They do this to open up science so that all stages of the process can benefit from better interaction and communication and to provide examples for early career scientists writing grants. Check out [OpenGrants](#), a repository for researchers to deposit their grant applications (both funded and unfunded) as examples for other researchers.

### New Research Resources Video

Check out the new video on Research Procurement presented by Melanie McIsaac, Manager, Procurement Services, on the Research Resources SharePoint page. View the video [here](#).

## **MSVU RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**[NEW]** [Dr. Chérif Matta named Chair of the Interdisciplinary Adjudication Committee \(IAC\) of the Canada Research Chairs Program](#)

Dr. Chérif Matta, Professor, Department of Chemistry & Physics, has recently been named Chair of the Interdisciplinary Adjudication Committee (IAC) of the Canada Research Chairs (CRCs) program.

The IAC plays a key role in upholding the high level of excellence and prestige of the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program. The committee chairperson is directly responsible for upholding the program's high level of excellence by ensuring that the committee functions smoothly, effectively, objectively, and according to the program's policies.

Congratulations Dr. Matta!

**[NEW]** [Dr. Meredith Ralston is interviewed about her new book](#)

Dr. Ralston talks with Suzanne Rent about her new book coming out in June, Slut-Shaming, Whorephobia and the Unfinished Sexual Revolution. Read the interview [here](#).

**[NEW]** [Thinking with ... A Rhetorical Theory Podcast](#)

Read about Dr. Nathaniel Street's first podcast season with two of his colleagues [here](#).

**[NEW]** [Survey says: Families with young children struggling amid pandemic](#)

Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac is interviewed. Read the article [here](#).

## **IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS**

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**[NEW]** [Skype for Business Retirement Party July 31](#)

Microsoft is retiring Skype for Business as of July 31, 2021, at which time it will no longer be available to use. Microsoft Teams is replacing Skype for Business, so we encourage all Skype for Business users to transition their online chats to Teams well before July 31. Please see [the Microsoft Teams Support webpage](#) for more information about using Teams.

Please do not click on any links in such emails and forward them to the IT&S Help Desk at [helpdesk@mvsu.ca](mailto:helpdesk@mvsu.ca). Learn more about phishing on the [IT Security site](#).

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