

RESEARCH BULLETIN

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VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[NEW] Shastri Covid-19 Pandemic Response Grant (SCPRG) & Shastri Research Grant (SRG)

Please see below the recording of the webinar held on **Jul 17 - Shastri Covid-19 Pandemic Response Grant (SCPRG) & Shastri Research Grant (SRG)**:

<https://youtu.be/pbn2ukjBRC4>

A lot of this type of information is available on social media channels of SICI too. Updates/news/announcements are regularly posted on all of these channels from time-to-time. Like, subscribe and share from any (or all) of the platforms as you like:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialSICI>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OfficialSICI>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/shastri-indocanadian-institute-6a247954/?originalSubdomain=in>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPH_Z2EGJWIBb-XWjyOh9Og

[NEW] NFRF 2020 Exploration Webinar slides

Please find attached the PowerPoint slides that were presented during the recent webinars for applicants on the Notice of Intent (NOI) stage for the **2020 NFRF Exploration competition**. You may also view the recording of the following webinars:

[English Recording](#)

[French Recording](#)

As a reminder, the agency **deadline for the Notice of Intent (NOI) is August 18th at 6PM CST**. The internal deadline to submit the NOI in UnivRS is August 11th. Questions can also be sent directly to the agency at nfrf-fnfr@chairs-chaire.gc.ca.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[REMINDER] MSVU Internal Deadlines

Deadlines for Internal Grant Competitions (CRP.SOP.005)

New Scholar's Grant Assistance to Prepare a Large-Scale Collaborative Grant	OPEN
CN Student Internship (Part-time, Fall/Winter placement) SSHRC Exchange and Explore	September 1
Standard Grant Salary-based Book Launches Aid to Scholarly Publications and Communications	October 15
Research Excellence Award NSERC USRAs (Winter Term)	December 1
MSVU Research Internship (Undergraduate) NSERC USRAs (Summer)	January 15
Standard Grant Salary-based Book Launches Aid to Scholarly Publications and Communications	January 31
CN Student Research Internship (Full-time, Summer placement)	March 1
SSHRC Exchange and Explore	April 1
Release Time Awards	April 5

If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is on the next business day.

More info on all internal grants can be found here: <https://www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/external-grants/internal-grants/>

[NEW] Mitacs Temporary Expanded Mandate - Undergrads and Municipalities

Mitacs is temporarily expanding eligibility guidelines for the upcoming fiscal year. Projects approved by March 31, 2020 can **include municipalities** as eligible partners and **undergraduate students as eligible interns** for Mitacs Accelerate projects. Mitacs Accelerate projects build research partnerships while funding students and postdocs. Your partner organization's financial contribution starts at \$7,500.

Projects with undergrads and municipalities can be multi-year and extend past the end of fiscal, but they have to be submitted by January 2021 in order to be approved.

More information can be found here: <https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate>.

Please look out for an invitation to an upcoming webinar from the Atlantic Canada Mitacs team regarding these new program changes.

Please contact Veronica Bacher at veronica.bacher@msvu.ca if you are interested in applying for Mitacs funding.

[NEW] Call for Proposals: Big Thinking

The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences welcomes proposals for a *Big Thinking* lecture or panel featuring scholar(s) in any discipline of the humanities and social

sciences, on the topic of the **2020 U.S. election**. The event will take place virtually on a date to be determined, sometime between **October 20 – November 17, 2020**.

To submit a proposal, please fill out the online form by **August 7, 2020**. You will be asked to upload a PDF containing a) the title and abstract (max 200 words) of your proposed talk and b) a CV (max two pages). Applicants not retained for this event may be contacted about future opportunities on this theme.

Find more information

here: <https://fhss.swoogo.com/BigThinkingVoirGrandNov2020?lang=en>

Update on support for research support personnel funded through research grants

The tri-agencies have released more information concerning the increased support for student, trainees, and research support personnel funded by the federal tri-council research grants. This funding was originally announced as part of the \$9 billion federal package in support for students and new grads affected by COVID-19, issued on April 22nd.

Research grant offices will be contacted in the coming weeks to be made aware of which grants will be considered for the supplement. Additionally, eligible grant holders will be contacted directly in the coming weeks for each eligible grant that they hold.

Please visit the links below for more information on this supplement, including eligible grants, terms and conditions, and approval process for the awards.

NSERC's announcement (\$140M) can be [found here](#).

SSHRC's announcement (\$32.3M) can be [found here](#).

CIHR's announcement (\$79.3M) can be [found here](#).

REMINDER: Approaching SICI Programme Deadlines

Click here for programme details: <https://mailchi.mp/28d91a9ceb9e/reminder-on-approaching-deadline-of-programmes-for-the-year-2020-305863?e=07d0182c53>

2020-2021 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF) Program and Competition

The 2020-2021 Banting PDF competition has been launched! Please click [here](#) to access the launch memo, and visit www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca for further details.

The 2020-2021 Banting application is now available on ResearchNet! Please click [here](#) to access the new funding opportunity.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact banting@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Special Initiative PEG COVID-19

The PEG COVID-19 Special Initiative provides short-term and timely support for small-scale, stakeholder-driven partnerships through Partnership Engage Grants (PEG). This Special Initiative will allow researchers and their partners the possibility to address urgent and specific needs, as well as challenges or opportunities through collaborations. It will also provide a unique opportunity to foster knowledge exchange between postsecondary researchers and different sectors of society while including students, PhDs, PDFs and other HQPs on the COVID-19 crisis related issues, challenges and impacts.

The next application deadline is **September 15**. Further details, including application information, are available on SSHRC's website at the following link: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/peg-sep-covid-19-eng.aspx>

Nova Scotia Business Inc.: Productivity and Innovation Voucher Program

Nova Scotia Business Inc. will be accepting applications to the Productivity and Innovation Voucher Program starting **April 1st until mid-October**. The purpose of this program is to allow Nova Scotia registered companies to work with universities and access expertise they do not have in-house. The projects must demonstrate how they increase the productivity or innovation of a company's product, process or service. The program has two tiers, Tier 1 awards are for \$15,000 and Tier 2 awards are for \$25,000. Applications will be reviewed regularly while funding is available. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact our Industry Liaison Officer, Danielle Goodfellow at danielle.goodfellow@smu.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NEW] CIHR Access Newsletter

Click here: <http://suivi.lnk01.com/v/443/a1bc484810dc2246913b4dc92e95da9b2eaad4cf653e6849>

[NEW] SSHRC Communiqué - June & July 2020

Click here: <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1109470830784&ca=e175fa2a-415b-4ec4-87c4-3b0e3a41f199>

[NEW] Book Access - Engaging in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

The Mount now has an electronic copy of the book "[Engaging in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: A Guide to the Process, and How to Develop a Project From Start to Finish](#)" by Cathy Bishop-Clark and Beth Dietz-Uhler.

[NEW] DBDLI Researchers Network - Invitation to Join

The Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute is creating the first **African Nova Scotian Researcher Directory**. The purpose of the directory is to help bring awareness to, and create a network of, researchers of African descent in a range of fields. The directory will be a "go to" place for researchers looking to work collaboratively. The directory will also contribute to the advancement of the mission and vision of DBDLI.

Please follow the link to join the DBDLI network: <https://dbdli.ca/research-reports/african-nova-scotian-researcher-directory/>

Continuity of Library & Archives Services – Guides at MSVU

The Mount Library & Archives team is working to ensure our research community has access to resources and services while the campus continues with virtual operations. The following Quick Guide offers a list of, and links to, services and their availability. Use the Questions/Feedback button on the left to reach MSVU Library & Archives staff or email library@msvu.ca. A chat box will appear whenever Novanet LiveHelp staff are on duty. More information is available [here](#).

Is Your Research Open?

If you're interested in building a profile in the Mount e-Commons, our research output repository, please contact Scholarly Communications Librarian Lindsey MacCallum

at lindsey.maccallum@msvu.ca. She will work from your CV to populate the repository with articles, book chapters, grey literature, and more. All citations and full-text articles are indexed by Google Scholar, thus making your research more visible.

Eligibility Changes to the NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowships Program

NSERC is pleased to announce a change to the eligibility criteria for the Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF) program (https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Media-Media/NewsDetail-DetailNouvelles_eng.asp?ID=1154). As of the 2021 competition year (**application deadline October 19, 2020**), NSERC will no longer impose a once-per-lifetime application limit. Provided applicants meet all other eligibility criteria, as detailed on the [PDF Program](#) webpage, they can re-apply to the program. **The webpage for the 2021 competition will be updated in July 2020** to reflect all changes coming into force for the competition.

REMINDER: COVID-19 Research Ethics Update

- The UREB continues to accept and review new applications, modifications, renewals and study closures.
- In-person participant interactions (recruitment and data collection) **must** be replaced with telephone, online communications or other **remote** measures. If your cleared protocol involves any in-person participant interactions, you **must** complete a modification request as soon as possible (REB.FORM.002). We are processing these requests as quickly as possible.
- Researchers with questions on online/remote platforms should contact Brenda Gagne at ethics@msvu.ca to confirm if the platforms are secure.
- Researchers should be aware that any data collected in this pandemic environment may alter, skew or contaminate your results, unless your focus includes COVID 19 questions. Further, researchers may need to address/disclose this in publications and other knowledge dissemination activities when documenting method and timeframe of data collection.
- If researchers are able to postpone recruitment and data collection, we **strongly** recommend doing so. Please let us know at ethics@msvu.ca and we will place your file temporarily on hold. If you need to postpone data collection and have questions about extending your funding, please contact research@msvu.ca.
- If it is not possible to postpone the research or modify participant contact, please contact us as soon as possible at ethics@msvu.ca with a formal request and full rationale. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Researchers with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Research Ethics Board via email at ethics@msvu.ca.
- As per the federal government advisory, research ethics applications directly addressing COVID-19, or pandemics generally, will be given first **priority** for ethics review.

COVID-19 Resources for Researchers

COVID-19 Resources for Researchers: <https://crdcn.org/covid-19-resources>

With an understanding of the challenges faced by members of the [Canadian Research Data Centre Network \(CRDCN\)](#) research community, this list of sources -- which includes government and non-profit resources, researcher-led initiatives and data resources -- is intended to complement the resources and information available through Vice-

President Research Offices across the country (which may include rapid-response funding opportunities).

Portage COVID-19 Discussion

CARL has been working with the European Project, OpenAIRE, to provide a tracking and discovery service for Canadian research outputs. OpenAIRE is getting ready to launch a COVID-19 gateway very soon (<https://www.openaire.eu/openaire-covid-19-gateway?idU=1>). There is a Canadian portal (in beta) that will be part of the OpenAIRE Aggregation. Any COVID-19-related Canadian content will also be tagged and become part of the gateway. The Tri-Agencies have already contacted PORTAGE about the OpenAIRE gateway. They are very interested in using it to track the research they have started to fund related to COVID-19 in a comprehensive way has become a top priority for them.

CanCOVID Community

CanCOVID Community is a new initiative spearheaded by Canada's Chief Science Officer in order to optimize Canada's research response to the COVID-19 crisis. CanCOVID is Canada's federally mandated, expert led COVID-19 research network made up of Canadian COVID-19 researchers, clinical collaborators, and healthcare stakeholders from across the country. Involvement in the CanCOVID network is currently by invitation only and restricted to verified members of the COVID-19 expert research and response community. However, those interested in joining the network are encouraged to complete the [electronic form](#) on the website to indicate their interest.

For more information, visit the [CanCOVID website](#).

MSVU FACULTY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

MSVU researchers awarded internal grants to study social, cultural, and economic pandemic impacts

[Read the article here.](#)

MSVU researchers receive new CIHR funding to further research on impact of the pandemic on families.

Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac and Dr. Joan Turner have received new CIHR funding to further research the impact of the pandemic on families. Learn more about preliminary results and next steps: [https://msvu.ca/msvu-researchers-receive-new-cihr-funding-to-further-research-on-impact-of-pandemic-on-families/...](https://msvu.ca/msvu-researchers-receive-new-cihr-funding-to-further-research-on-impact-of-pandemic-on-families/)

Submit your research achievements to research@msvu.ca!

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

[NEW] Software Update Cyber Tips

Hackers exploit bugs in software and hardware to gain access to your devices and your data, so keeping your software updated reduces your risk from cyber-attacks, data loss, and privacy breaches. Check out IT&S's top 4 update pointers on [the new Software Update Tips webpage](#).

[NEW] Imposter Phishing Scams Cybersecurity Tip

When a scammer pretends to be someone you know in an email, that's imposter phishing, a type of impersonation scam. Often, it is a cryptic email asking if you are free now to help with an urgent task, which could be buying gift cards or calling a 1-900 number. Find out more about impersonation email scams and how to identify them in [the new Imposter Phishing Scams web page](#).

Home Networking Tips

Working and collaborating online from home can be affected by your home networking situation. If you are experiencing lagging or dropped connections when video conferencing, see [the new Home Networking Tips webpage](#) for ways to improve your home networking experience.

Conferencing Tools Intranet and Web Resources

IT&S has added [a Conferencing Tools section](#) to the Working from Home intranet page. It provides guidance on when to use the tele- and web-conferencing solutions provided and supported by the University, and it provides some advice on using other conferencing tools.

Also see [the new Web Conferencing Safety Tips web page](#) for some ways to protect your privacy when participating in or hosting web conferences in general.

Videos by IT&S

IT&S recently has published several new videos on Office 365 Stream, including:

1. [VPN Installation on Windows](#)
2. [Skype for Business Training](#)
3. [Skype For Business with External Participants on Cell phones](#)
4. [SharePoint at the Mount](#)
5. [Installing SPSS on a Mac](#)
6. [Installing SPSS on Windows](#)
7. [Installing Minitab on Windows](#)

For more information on using the VPN, Skype for Business, and other tools to help you work remotely, see [the Working From Home Intranet page](#).

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