

RESEARCH BULLETIN

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VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[NEW] Save the Date - Research Refresh 2021

Research Refresh 2021 will be held on **Friday, January 22 9:00am-12:00pm via Microsoft Teams**. Research Refresh provides a 'refresh' for all faculty members, postdocs, and research staff looking for a refresher on Research Office resources. Please RSVP to Jessica Long at Jessica.long1@msvu.ca if you are interested in attending.

[FINAL REMINDER] Research Highlights 2020!

Join the Research Office on **Thursday, December 10 from 10:00am to 11:00am** to celebrate faculty research at MSVU! Please RSVP to Jessica Long at Jessica Long at Jessica.long1@msvu.ca

A vertical poster for the 'Research Highlights 2020' event. The background is a dark red color with several white, multi-pointed starburst graphics scattered throughout. The title 'Research Highlights 2020' is written in a large, elegant, white cursive font in the upper half. Below the title, there is a block of white text: 'Join the Research Office in celebrating research achievements at MSVU from 2020, including research publications, grants, book launches, conference presentations, and more!'. At the bottom, there are two columns of white text. The left column contains the date and time: 'Thursday, December 10 10:00a.m.-11:00a.m. Microsoft Teams'. The right column contains contact information: 'Contact Jessica Long at Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca to RSVP & submit your 2020 research achievements*'. A small asterisked note at the very bottom reads: '*You do not have to submit a research achievement to attend the event.'

[REMINDER] Research Ethics Open Office – November and December 2020

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Wednesdays -open office times are 10:00 to 11:00am	
	December 2 nd
November 18 th	December 9 th
November 25 th	December 16 th

- The Research Ethics Office is pleased to offer open office hours on-line via Skype for Business.
- Feel free to join in to discuss research ethics, ask questions about research ethics and your own research study, the ethics process or application, research data management, on-line platforms, and more.
- To join a session, click → [Join Skype Meeting](#)
- To schedule a one-on-one ethics consultation, email ethics@msvu.ca

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[NEW] Congress 2021 goes virtual May 27 to June 4

Whether it's from your kitchen table, cottage or from the other side of the world, pull up your virtual seat and be a part of Canada's largest online gathering of academics! On October 30, in partnership with the University of Alberta, the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences **announced** that Congress 2021 would be held entirely online. What does this mean? You'll get to enjoy the full suite of conferencing activities, from academic sessions to creative performances, book launches, networking and social events that you know and look forward to every year, all from the comfort and safety of your home. Registration will open in January 2021.

[NEW] ACENET Training: Data Organization & Analysis for Humanities and Social Sciences

12, 14, 19, 21 January, 2:00-5:00pm Atlantic

This is an introductory workshop for researchers and students to teach core data skills for efficient, shareable and reproducible research practices covering the early stages of the lifecycle of data-driven research. Through a two-day hands-on approach, the focus is on the introductory computational skills needed for data organization and analysis. This workshop is domain-specific, focusing on examples and challenges from humanities and social sciences

research fields. The workshop will use software-carpentry.org materials. *Space is limited so register early.* [DETAILS & REGISTER](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] Mitacs Indigenous Call

Mitacs is offering an Indigenous call with discounted internships from **December 1st, 2020 until January 29th, 2021**. Mitacs will be offering 3:1 matching for both the Accelerate and BSI internships for projects that have an Indigenous partner organization and/or an Indigenous intern. Under the BSI program, a partner organization would only have to pay \$2,500 for an intern, or only \$3,750 under Accelerate for an intern and some flexible funds.

Government matching is not eligible, but not-for-profits and companies with an indigenous owner are eligible under this call. Please contact veronica.bacher@msvu.ca for more details.

[REMINDER] Internal Grant Deadlines

New Scholars Grant Assistance to Prepare a Large-Scale Collaborative Grant	OPEN
CN Student Internship (Part-time, Fall/Winter placement)	September 1
SSHRC Exchange and Explore	September 30 April 1
Standard Grant Book Launches Aid to Scholarly Publications and Communications Salary-based	October 15 January 31
Research Excellence Award Early Career Research Award	December 1
NSERC USRAs	September 1 (Fall Term) December 1 (Winter Term) January 15 (Summer Term)
CN Student Internship (Summer Internship)	March 1
Release Time Awards	April 5

Pre-announcement: Indigenous Peoples and COVID-10 Knowledge Synthesis, Evaluation and Assessment Grants Rapid Research Funding Opportunity

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to pre-announce the launch of the Indigenous Peoples and COVID-19 Knowledge Synthesis, Evaluation and Assessment Grants Rapid Research Funding Opportunity. With an anticipated launch in the Fall 2020, visit [here](#) for more information.

The Canadian Aboriginal Aids Network Research Proposal Development Program (RPDP)

The Canadian Aboriginal Aids Network Research Proposal Development Program (RPDP) provides assistance to communities, organizations, and students interested in carrying out a research project, but who do not have the [resources](#) (human and/or financial) to prepare a proposal. The proposal that is crafted using AHA Centre funds should be submitted by the community/group or student to another research funding organization for consideration. There is no deadline, and research teams can apply for \$5,000 each. For more information, visit their [website](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NEW] Dr. Ashwani Kumar receives funding grant to organize online scholarly event

Dr. Ashwani Kumar and his team member Dr. Nayha Acharya (Dalhousie University) have received Program Development Grant from Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute to organize an online scholarly event: "An Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Exploration of the Work of J. Krishnamurti and its Relevance for Contemporary World Crises: A Dialogue Between Indian and Canadian Voices." This grant (CAD 5265) will help in organizing a dialogue series comprising online talks, workshops and discussions for Canadian and Indian scholars, teachers, and youth about the significance of the educational and philosophical ideas of Indian educator and philosopher, J. Krishnamurti. These virtual sessions will be insightful for Canadian and Indian members of the Shastri Institute and a broader audience as we collectively navigate through the crises that the world is currently facing, including, but not limited to, the COVID-19 pandemic. A detailed program will be shared soon with the Mount and the broader community.

[NEW] Update on CIHR's Policy on Identical and Essentially Identical Applications

As you may know, CIHR—like many other research-funding agencies—has long had a policy that prohibits the submission of identical or essentially identical applications to competitions with overlapping timelines.

CIHR's [Policy on Identical and Essentially Identical Applications](#) can be found in section 5.2 of the *CIHR Application Administration Guide* (AAG).

The requirements of the policy are based on the principles that CIHR must manage public funds effectively, such that funding is not duplicated for the same research objectives, and that fairness is shown towards those applicants who compete for funding in observance of CIHR's policies.

This fall, CIHR aims to strengthen the research community's awareness and understanding of the policy, and to that end, we would appreciate your help in promoting among your networks some recent developments.

What's new?

- New guidelines have been published to support the community's understanding of the policy requirements. The [CIHR Guidelines on Identical or Essentially Identical Applications](#) are located in the Supporting Guidelines section of the *Application Administration Guide* (AAG).
- A direct link to the policy was added to the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition (and will be added to the FOs for subsequent Project Grant competitions).
- CIHR will be actively screening the applications submitted to the Fall 2020 Project Grant competition for potential applications of concern and staff will be reaching out to the Nominated Principal Applicants (NPAs) for an explanation or clarification to help resolve any discrepancies.
- The NPA's institution will be copied on confirmed cases of non-compliance. As per the policy, consequences will be determined on a case-by case basis and may require the withdrawal of the application submitted second.
- As part of on-going compliance-monitoring activities, confirmed cases of non-compliance will be tracked by CIHR, for future reference. Should any additional cases associated with an NPA be confirmed, the details would be reported to the Secretariat on the Responsible Conduct of Research, as a breach of the Tri-agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research, under [article 3.1 Breaches of Agency Policies](#).

[NEW] CIHR Access Newsletter

Read the newsletter [here](#).

Introducing MSVU Research Resources

The Research Office has launched a new SharePoint site to share research resources with faculty, students, and staff. Check it out here:

<https://msvuhfx.sharepoint.com/sites/myMount/MSVUResearchResources/Pages/default.aspx>

Open Access Article Processing Charge (APC) Discounts

MSVU researchers are eligible for Open Access Article Processing Charge (APC) discounts via the Mount Library's database subscription packages; for a full list of publishers offering discounts, please see the [Open Access guide](#).

Mount Library Scholarly Publishing Supports for Research

For an overview of scholarly publishing support offered by the Mount Library, including journal articles, books, and Open Educational Resources, please see the video [Mount Library Scholarly Publishing Supports for Research](#).

New RDM Guidance from the Portage COVID-19 Working Group

The Portage Network is very pleased to announce the publication of five new guidance documents from the Portage COVID-19 Working Group. These guidance documents were developed to help support research data management in accordance with the [RDA COVID-19 Guidelines and Recommendations](#).

- [Guide to COVID-19 Rapid Response Data Sharing and Deposit for Canadian Researchers](#)
This guidance is for researchers who need to prepare data for deposit in accordance with the [Joint statement on sharing research data and findings relevant to the novel coronavirus \(nCoV\) outbreak](#).
- [Can I Share My Data?](#)
This decision tree is designed to help alert researchers to situations where human participant data would need to be anonymized or de-identified before being deposited into a repository. It relies heavily on the Canadian [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans – TCPS 2 \(2018\)](#) which addresses consent and secondary use of information for research purposes.
- [De-identification Guidance](#)
This guidance is intended to help researchers minimize disclosure risk when sharing data collected from human participants.
- [Documentation and Supporting Material Required for Deposit](#)
A brief guide outlining key materials for depositing data in a repository.

- [Recommended Repositories for COVID-19 Research Data](#)
This document is designed to help researchers select a repository that will provide immediate and long-term access to their COVID-19 data.

Doctalks

Are you interested in sharing your research with a broad audience through documentary media? Doctalks is a not-for-profit that helps create, facilitate and mobilize knowledge through documentary media such as film. They have developed a best practices guide for researchers and other partners that are interested in exploring how to work with film producers and broadcasters. To learn more please download the guide for free in English or French from DocTalks website: <https://www.doctalks.ca/>. If you have any questions about Doctalks or the guide, please contact info@doctalks.ca

Digital Technology Supercluster

The **Digital Technology Supercluster** is a cross-section of industry collaborations and diverse organizations from sectors such health care, natural resources and transportation. The Digital Technology Supercluster is based out of Vancouver, British Columbia and it has over 650 Members and Associates across Canada. There are five programs offered including: Data Commons, Digital Twins, Precision Health, COVID-19 and **Capacity Building**. There are two specific projects under the Capacity Building Program that may be of interest, first is the *Athena Pathways* project which is put in place to help Canadian Women see the potential of the tech sector and how careers in artificial intelligence align with their skills sets. The second project is on *Diversifying Talent in Quantum Computing*, it involves working with Indigenous education leaders to ensure that young people are aware of the career opportunities presented by this technology.

At this time, Mount Saint Vincent University is exploring whether or not signing up as an Associate would be of interest to researchers within the university. There are many benefits to being an Associate: there is no annual cost, it is an excellent networking opportunity, you can gain access to workshops and events that are hosted by the Digital Technology Supercluster and you may be invited by a Member to participate in projects such as the Athena Pathways or Diversifying Talent in Quantum Computing, amongst others.

If you're interested in learning more about the Digital Technology Supercluster, please send Danielle Goodfellow an email at danielle.goodfellow@smu.ca. You can also visit the Digital Technology Supercluster website for more information

(see <https://www.digitalsupercluster.ca>) or watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BU0HuZLGSuU>

MSVU FACULTY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

[NEW] MSVU Professor Dr. Ardra Cole receives Progress Women of Excellence Trailblazer Award

Dr. Ardra Cole, professor in the Faculty of Education at Mount Saint Vincent University, and the founder of ElderDog Canada, has been named the recipient of the 2020 Women of Excellence Trailblazer Award presented by the Canadian Progress Club Halifax Citadel. [Learn more.](#)

Congratulations, Dr. Cole!

[NEW] Dr. Zachary Zimmer working with team of international scholars to study chronic pain in populations of older persons around the world

Dr. Zachary Zimmer, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair and Director, Global Aging and Community Initiative at Mount Saint Vincent University, is part of an international team of scholars recently awarded a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant to study, “The Demography of Chronic Pain: A population approach to pain trends, pain disparities, and pain-related disability and death.” Dr. Zimmer is a Co-Investigator, along with Dr. Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk, Associate Professor, University at Buffalo and Anna Zajacova, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Western University. As part of this grant a subaward of \$246,323 (CAD) is awarded to MSVU for Dr. Zimmer’s continued research on chronic pain in populations of older persons around the world.

[NEW] Dr. Janice Keefe featured in Canadian Federation for Innovation’s *Innovation Now* Newsletter

[Read the article.](#)

[UPDATED] MSVU Research Minutes!

Catch up on the latest videos: <https://www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/research-news/research-communications-at-msvu/>.

MSVU Research Minutes are posted every Wednesday on the Research Office’s [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages. **If you would like to discuss your research on an MSVU Research Minutes video, please contact Jessica Long at Jessica.long1@msvu.ca.**

Congratulations Dr. Diane Piccitto and Dr. Derek Fisher!

Early Career Research Award

This award, given to an early-career full-time faculty member, recognizes the individual's commitment and achievement as a contributor to the research community and to the research climate at Mount Saint Vincent University. The recipient is: **Dr. Diane Piccitto**

Award for Research Excellence

This award is presented to recognize a faculty member's contribution to the research community and to the research climate at Mount Saint Vincent University. The recipient is: **Dr. Derek Fisher**

MSVU Research Achievements

Students, faculty, and research staff are encouraged to complete [this form](#) to notify the Research Office of any recent research achievements, including publications, projects, partnerships, conference presentations, media features, etc. The Research Office will assist you in promoting your hard work. Please contact Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca if you have any questions.

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

[NEW] Online Shopping Safety Tips

This holiday season, many of us will be surfing for the best deals, but cyber Grinches also are online trying to steal your cash. Those monster deals might just stink, stank, stunk. Avoid those bad bananas, [check out these Online Shopping Safety Tips](#).

Home Cybersecurity Tips

See the updated [Cybersafety at Home section](#) of the Working From Home Intranet page for tips on reducing your cyber risk when working, teaching and learning from home. Things like scam awareness, backups, antivirus software, wifi security, and good password hygiene all help keep you safer.

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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