

RESEARCH BULLETIN

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VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[NEW] Black and Indigenous Speaker Series

Join the MSVU Research Office for the launch of the Black and Indigenous Speaker Series. The inaugural virtual event on **Thursday, February 11** from **12:00 to 1:00 p.m.** will feature Dr. OmiSoore H. Dryden. Dr. Dryden, a Black queer femme, is the James R Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies, Faculty of Medicine, and Associate Professor, Community Health & Epidemiology at Dalhousie University. Dr. Dryden engages in interdisciplinary scholarship and research that focuses on Black LGBTQI people and HIV vulnerability within Black diasporic communities in Canada; systemic/structural issues that affect health and well-being, including experiences with blood donation in Canada; medical education; and Black health curricular content development.

Please register for this event by sending an RSVP to speakerseries@msvu.ca. A link to the event will be sent to you prior to the event. This event is open to the public.

[NEW] Ethics Open Office Times

The Research Ethics Office is pleased to offer open office hours on-line via Skype for Business (poster attached). We welcome the MSVU community 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.

Wednesdays - open office times are 1:00 to 2:00pm	
February 3 rd	March 3 rd
February 10 th	March 17 th
February 24 th	March 24 th
April 7 th	

To join a session, click here: [Join Skype Meeting](#) . To schedule a one-on-one ethics consultation, please email ethics@msvu.ca

[NEW] J. Krishnamurti and the Contemporary World Crises Conference

We are excited to announce a **free online conference** titled "J. Krishnamurti and the Contemporary World Crises" that will take place over two weekends at the end of February.

The world-renowned Indian philosopher and educator J. Krishnamurti has offered some of the most novel insights into the nature of human consciousness and our conflicts. In this conference, Canadian and Indian scholars, educators, and alumni of Krishnamurti schools will engage in a cross-cultural and multi-disciplinary dialogue aimed at understanding contemporary world crises (including the COVID-19 pandemic) through the lens of Krishnamurti's philosophical and educational ideas.

Thanks to those of you who have already registered. Some of you had trouble registering because you could not click the links in the embedded image, so we are also providing live links below in addition to the attached PDF poster which also has clickable links.

Please feel free to circulate this notice widely. Please also attach the PDF conference poster when you forward this email to your contacts.

Date and Time:

February 19-21 and February 26-28, 2021

11:00 am—1:00pm Atlantic Standard Time

8:30 pm—10:30 pm Indian Standard Time

Free

Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEKfu6sqz0pHNfImkntLTvSF48cC0jFkgHp>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/krishnamurticonference2021>

Contact Email: krishnamurticonference@gmail.com

Please see the attached poster for the schedule of keynote addresses and panel presentations.

Thanks, and hope to see you there.
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[NEW] Upcoming FRDR Webinars

Portage is offering introductory webinars on the Federated Research Data Repository (FRDR), which will launch in full production on February 3rd, 2021. FRDR is designed to address a longstanding gap in Canada's research infrastructure by providing researchers with a robust repository option into which large research datasets can be ingested, curated, processed for preservation, discovered, cited, and shared. Full production offers many new features and benefits, including dedicated secure storage for faculty members at Canadian post-secondary institutions, data curation support by Portage, and more.

These webinars are intended for researchers, faculty, librarians, data professionals, and those who support them. Whether you are new to FRDR or have used it in limited production, these webinars will help you get the most out of the platform.

- February 3 - Introduction to FRDR - [Registration](#)
- February 10 - Introduction to FRDR Curation - [Registration](#)

The webinars will be offered in English with simultaneous interpretation in French - engagement in both official languages is encouraged. The webinars will be recorded and available for future viewing on [CARL's YouTube channel](#).

Portage also has a [series of training videos](#) to help you get started with FRDR and learn the basics.

For more information about FRDR, please contact support@frdr-dfdr.ca.

NSERC CREATE Information Webinar for Prospective Applicants

NSERC's [Collaborative Research and Training Experience](#) (CREATE) program awards grants of up to \$1.65M over 6 years for the development of innovative training programs designed to enhance collaboration and facilitate the transition of trainees to productive employees in the Canadian workforce. In preparation for the next CREATE competition, NSERC will hold an information session via Cisco Webex webinar to provide an overview

of the CREATE program and application process. The dates of the sessions are as follows:

English session: **February 4th, 2021, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (ET)**

French session: **February 5th, 2021, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (ET)**

Registration is not necessary – anyone can connect using the link provided below.

WebEx: <https://nsercvideo.webex.com/meet/guy.faubert>

PLEASE NOTE: If you experience sound quality problems during the meeting, please connect via the WebEx telephone line:

Meeting number - access code: 171 539 5408

Canada Toll Free: 1-844-426-4405

The webinar will be recorded. Following the presentation, a link to that recording will be emailed so that **those who are unable to attend may watch the recorded webinar later at their convenience.**

Please **send any questions regarding the CREATE program and/or the application process in advance** to CREATE@NSERC-CRSNG.gc.ca so that we may address them in the presentation.

[Upcoming ACENET Training – Winter 2021](#)

Check out the upcoming sessions [here](#).

[Congress 2021 goes virtual May 27 to June 4, 2021](#)

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.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] CLARI Deadline Reminder

The CLARI grant program is open for proposals. The deadline is March 5. Please contact Ray MacNeil, CLARI Network Manager, at Ray.MacNeil@smu.ca for more information or check the website for application forms and qualifications at <https://actionresearch.ca>.

[NEW] Student Research Internship Opportunity

The Senate Committee on Research and Publications (CRP) is now accepting applications for the **CN Student Research Internship for Summer 2021**.

The instructions for application can be found [here](#).

The repurposing from the CN Management Development for Women Excellence Fund to the CN Student Research Internship Fund will provide Student Research Internships for graduate and undergraduate students, providing experiential learning opportunities to students for careers in the private, public or not-for-profits sectors. To adhere closely to the original intent of the agreement between CN and Mount Saint Vincent, first preference will be given to student female researchers, and/or those doing research in areas related to women. Paid research internships for our Mount students will not only provide relevant, paid, work experience but will also fulfill goals of the Mount's Interim Strategic Research Plan (2019-2021) and the University's overall Strategic Plan (*Strength through Community: 2021-2028*).

The application package must be emailed to research@msvu.ca by **March 1st, 2021**.

[NEW] Pre-Announcement: CIHR Funding

CIHR will soon be launching a rapid research response, comprised of three separate but linked initiatives, designed to contribute to global efforts to address SARS-CoV-2 variants. CIHR will invest up to \$25M to fund three complementary initiatives. We are providing this preliminary information to allow the research community to continue to mobilize and respond to our expedited competition processes. More information will be shared as it becomes available. [Read more](#).

[REMINDER] Internal 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

SSHRC Deadlines for the Spring

February 1, 2021 [Connection Grants](#)

February 2, 2021 [Insight Development Grants](#)

February 10, 2021 [Partnership Grants - Stage 1](#)

CIHR – Project Grant: Spring 2020

The [Project Grant program](#) is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential for important advances in fundamental or applied health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes by supporting

projects or programs of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health. The best ideas may stem from new, incremental, innovative, and/or high-risk lines of inquiry or knowledge translation approaches.

Mandatory Registration due to CIHR - **February 5, 2020**

Draft of full application due to Research Office (internal deadline): **February 19, 2020**

Final application: **March 2, 2020**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NEW] [New Videos on the Research Resources SharePoint website](#)
Check out two new videos from Cathleen Madgett, Manager, Special Purpose Financial Reporting and Analysis, on [travel & cheque requisitions](#) and [research finances](#).

UN Sustainable Development Goals

MSVU is interested in framing research around the UN Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>). There are several advantages to doing so: it provides a narrative framework to communicate the “big picture” for some of MSVU’s research; it makes it easier for community partners to find faculty members working on the same problem; it is likely going to become an important piece when applying for Tri-Council grants.

We are encouraging faculty to indicate whether they are willing to be listed as working towards one (or more) of the goals and, if so, including the appropriate SDG logo(s) on their faculty webpage and listing them in a public database of researchers organized by the goals on the MSVU Research Office website. We are also happy to work with faculty to determine which goal(s) best fits their research.

Please contact Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca if you are interested.

Please find more information on the SDGs on the MSVU website [here](#).
The UN SDG logos can be found [here](#).

MSVU FACULTY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

Gender and the Canadian Armed Forces

Issue 41.2 of *Atlantis: Gender and the Canadian Armed Forces* is now available! This issue is edited by Dr. Maya Eichler. Read it here: <https://journals.msvu.ca/index.php/atlantis/index>

Research Nova Scotia Spotlight: Dr. Kyly Whitfield

Dr. Kyly Whitfield, an assistant professor of applied human nutrition at Mount Saint Vincent University, wants to know why Nova Scotia has amongst the lowest rates of breastfeeding across Canada. "You can't just tell women to breastfeed, that's never going to work," says Dr. Whitfield. "You need to understand why, or what the challenges are...That's where we need to bring in support."

Learn how her cross-cultural approach to research could help support breastfeeding parents in Nova Scotia [here](#).

Knowledge Translation at the heart of new MSVU research video series

This fall, the Mount Saint Vincent University Research Office launched the MSVU Research Minutes video series to showcase research being conducted by MSVU faculty and students. The series aims to better connect researchers at MSVU with the wider community in order to maximize the impact of their research findings. Learn more [here](#).

Catch up on the latest videos [here](#). 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.

Dr. Jennifer Khoury named Tier II Canada Research Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies in Neuroscience at MSVU

The Government of Canada [announced](#) that Dr. Jennifer Khoury has been appointed Tier II Canada Research Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies in Neuroscience at Mount Saint Vincent University. The five-year appointment carries a total award value of \$819,029 with funding from

the Canada Research Chairs Program (CRCP), the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), and [Research Nova Scotia](#). Learn more [here](#).

Researchers to study long-term care policies for family support visits during COVID-19

A team of researchers led by [Dr. Janice Keefe](#), Professor in Gerontology and Director of the [NS Centre of Aging](#), Mount Saint Vincent University have recently received funding (\$149,984) to study the implementation of policies that support and hinder families as partners in care during COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more [here](#).

RESEARCH THAT MATTERS: Will parents vaccinate kids against COVID-19?

Majority of Atlantic Canadian parents say 'yes', Dec 16 [[The Chronicle Herald](#), other Saltwire publications] – Dr. Christine Lackner (Psychology) is featured.

The science behind making better wine

Dr. Gavin Kernaghan is part of a research team looking at harnessing the power of local yeasts to improve wine quality: <https://msvu.ca/the-science-behind-making-better-wine/...>

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

Tax Scam Warning

Last January, scammers sent phishing emails offering tax refunds to thousands of students, faculty, and staff across Canada, so you might receive similar emails again this tax season. Fraudsters posing as CRA and Service Canada employees will email, call, and text, threatening legal action if you don't pay right away, or offer you unexpected refunds. Government agents also may legitimately contact you, so check [out this web page on CRA and Service Canada Scams to help tell them apart](#).

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