

RESEARCH BULLETIN

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VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[REMINDER] 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. Please see attached agenda for more information.

[NEW] 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.

[NEW] The Science and Practice of Implementation

The Maritime SPOR SUPPORT Unit (MSSU) is excited to share that registration for Session 2 of our new capacity development webinar series, *Keeping up with KT* is now live! I am reaching out in hopes that your organization and/or department would again be able to help spread the word by sharing this information and promotional poster with your network (attached).

Each session of the series will touch on both the science and practice of KT and will highlight researchers and organizations in the Maritimes. The webinar series will be of interest to key stakeholders across the health care community including health care professionals, patients/caregivers, trainees, policy-makers, and researchers.

Session 2 will take place on **Thursday, January 21st from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm** ! Please see below for details and registration link:

Session 2: The Science and Practice of Implementation

Date: Thursday, January 21st, 2020

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Platform: Zoom Webinar

Presenter(s):

- **Science of Implementation:** Dr. Janet Curran
MSSU Knowledge Translation (KT) Science Lead; Clinician Scientist, Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, IWK Health; Professor, School of Nursing, Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Dalhousie University
- **Practice of Implementation:** Dr. Robin Urquhart
MSSU Patient Engagement (PE) Science Lead; Canadian Cancer Society (Nova Scotia Division) Endowed Chair in Population Cancer Research and Associate Scientist, Dept. of Community Health and Epidemiology, Dalhousie University.

[Register here](#)

[UPDATED] Upcoming ACENET Training – Winter 2021

Training starts January 12! Check out the upcoming sessions [here](#).

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.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] Postdoctoral Position – CIHR-Funded research examining home care clients pathways

The project is seeking applications for postdoctoral positions available during 2021-2023. Please see attached postdoctoral fellow posting.

[NEW] Reminder and Updates from the Committee on Research and Publications

Please see below for reminders and updates from the CRP:

NSERC USRAs

The NSERC USRA deadline for a summer placement is **January 15th, 2021**. NSERC has recently announced they have raised their contribution to the USRA program, from \$4500 to \$6000 per student. The minimum supervisor supplement is now **\$3,212**. Please see attached SOP for more details, including revised eligibility criteria. The CRP will accept unofficial transcripts for the January 15th deadline, however, an official transcript must be uploaded and submitted in the NSERC Portal before the award can be granted. Please contact veronica.bacher@msvu.ca prior to the deadline if you expect that your student will not be able to obtain an official transcript.

Call for Applications: MSVU Undergraduate Assistantship

The Committee on Research & Publications invites applications for one available research assistantship, funded by an endowment from the Learning

and Leading campaign. This assistantship will be available to undergraduate students, full or part-time, to work under the supervision of a faculty member on a clearly defined research project. This year, the Committee on Research & Publications will adjudicate applications for one (1) assistantship, worth up to **\$3,350** (including benefits). The awarded funds are available for the period of April 1 to March 31 of the following year. The intent of the assistantship is to enable a student to work directly with a faculty member on a research project of mutual interest. The emphasis on the training component for the student is a key criterion. The deadline to apply is **January 15th, 2020**. Please see the attached call for more information.

Aid to Scholarly Publications Update

The CRP has recently voted to raise the cap on Aid to Scholarly Publications internal grants from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The revised instructions and form are attached for your reference. The next deadline to apply for an Aid to Scholarly Publications grant is January 31, 2021.

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

[NEW] SSHRC Deadlines for the Spring

February 1, 2021 [Connection Grants](#)

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

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

[NEW] 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**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NEW] 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](#).

[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.

[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](#).

MSVU FACULTY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

[NEW] 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>

[NEW] 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](#).

[NEW] 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: <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.

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

The Government of Canada [today 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](#).

[NEW] 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](#).

[NEW] 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.

[NEW] 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/...>

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!

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.

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

[NEW] 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](#).

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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