

RESEARCH BULLETIN

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A MESSAGE FROM DR. DEREK FISHER, ACTING ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH

As we start the new academic year, I'm thrilled to take on the role of Associate Vice-President Research for 2020-2021. The Mount is home to world-class research across all three faculties; our faculty's work ranges from addressing age-old philosophical questions to utilizing cutting edge imaging technology. All of this work makes valuable contributions to our understanding of the world and we look forward to supporting this work in any way we can. Over the next year, we will strive to alert the Mount community to research opportunities, support funding opportunities, encourage meaningful training opportunities and highlight our successes. Though we are a small school, the research done at the Mount can stand up to work done anywhere in the country. I'm excited to see what we can do in 2020-2021!

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[NEW] ACNET Webinar Series: Introductory Digital Research Series for Humanities & Social Sciences

Learn how to harness digital research tools to transform the depth and breadth of your research. [Learn more here.](#)

REMINDER: Research Ethics Open Office Dates for July 2020

We will be continuing our Ethics Open Office in July. Feel free to join in the group sessions, ask questions on research ethics, the process, the application, modifications, etc.

- July 8th 11am to Noon
- July 15th 11am to Noon
- July 22nd 11am to Noon
- July 29th 11am to Noon

To join a session, click [Join Skype Meeting](#)

To schedule a one-on-one ethics consultation, please email ethics@msvu.ca

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] 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](#).

[NEW] Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute: Announcements of Programmes for the year 2020-21

[View the programs here.](#)

[NEW] NFRF Exploration 2020

The 2020 Exploration stream competition of the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) was launched June 24. All competition documents are available on our [website](#), and the [Convergence Portal](#) is open.

New this year, the competition has only **2** stages:

1. Notification of Intent to Apply (NOI) stage with a deadline of **August 18, 2020** (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)
2. Full Application stage with a deadline of **October 20, 2020** (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)

Applications at each stage must be submitted by the RGOs. RGOs are free to set their own internal deadlines.

We will be hosting two webinars for each stage. In order to reach the largest possible audience, we are strongly encouraging research administrators to arrange group webinar sessions for their researchers.

In preparation for the NOI deadline, you will find below the dates, times and links to the webinars. The webinars are intended for both applicants and research administrators.

July 7th – 2020 Exploration NOI – French

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern Time

[Meeting link](#) – Event password: kpQPBsTv728

July 7th – 2020 Exploration NOI – English

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time

[Meeting link](#) – Event password: SWrPUuX93C8

Webinars will be recorded. Recordings and the presentation slides will be sent to research administrators after the session. For more information, please contact: NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca.

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

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-crsg.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

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

[Read the article here.](#)

[NEW] 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/)

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

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.

New 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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