

# RESEARCH BULLETIN

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## UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

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**[NEW]** CNSP Virtual Meeting: Reopening Scientific Platform: What has worked, what has not?

As part of its series of virtual meetings on scientific platforms operations during the pandemic, the CNSP is organizing a fourth event:

*Reopening Scientific Platforms: What has worked, what has not?*

**Tuesday June 16 2 pm – 3 pm ET**

Registration is free, but mandatory at: <https://events.eply.com/CNSPVirtualJune16>.

**REMINDER:** Research Ethics Open Office

Click to access the session:

[Join Skype Meeting](#)

Trouble Joining? [Try Skype Web App](#)

A poster for the Research Ethics Open Office. It has a teal background with a dark blue border. The title 'RESEARCH ETHICS OPEN OFFICE' is in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below it, 'via Skype for Business' is in smaller white text. A paragraph in white text describes the open hour. At the bottom left, white text provides contact information for one-on-one consultations. At the bottom right, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the dates and times in black text.

**RESEARCH ETHICS  
OPEN OFFICE**

via Skype for Business

Open hour to drop in to discuss research ethics, student questions on process, applications, data management, online platforms, and more.

For one-on-one consultations, email Brenda Gagne at [ethics@msvu.ca](mailto:ethics@msvu.ca).

10:30AM - 11:30AM  
MAY 13  
MAY 27  
JUNE 10  
JUNE 24

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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### New Health Investigator Grant

Research Nova Scotia is pleased to announce the launch of the New Health Investigator Grant.

The New Health Investigator Grant supports early-career health researchers who are engaged in work that aligns with the province's health research priorities. The grant aims to provide two years of support of up to \$100,000 for researchers who are within the first five years of their academic appointment in Nova Scotia or who are new to the field of health research.

**Notice of Intent deadline: June 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (AT)**

To learn more, visit: <https://researchns.ca/new-health-investigator-grant/>

### Global Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People: Round 1 Call for Proposals

**Funding agency:** Grand Challenges Canada

**Grant value:** up to \$250,000 CAD (Please note Grand Challenges Canada does not support Institutional Costs of Research (overhead))

**Number of grants:** 15

**Project duration:** 18 - 24 months

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 17, 2020 at 3:00pm ET. Due to processing times, you should register for a Fluxx account no later than July 9, 2020.**

To access the request for proposals and FAQs, please visit:

<https://www.grandchallenges.ca/programs/global-mental-health/>

<https://www.grandchallenges.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/GMH-Seed-RFP-R1-English-.pdf>

### 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.

**Application deadlines are on June 15 and 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](mailto:danielle.goodfellow@smu.ca)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### [NEW] 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](mailto:library@msvu.ca). A chat box will appear whenever Novanet LiveHelp staff are on duty. More information is available [here](#).

### [NEW] 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](mailto: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.

### [NEW] Research Nova Scotia June Newsletter

View the newsletter [here](#).

### 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](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.

### Research Ethics Matters Newsletter – Spring 2020

Please see attached.

### REMINDER: Ethics Applications Restrictions – August 2020

**Please be advised that the University Research Ethics Board will not be processing any new research ethics applications in August 2020.**

The UREB will still process the following:

- COVID-19-related ethics applications
- Modifications (REB.FORM.002)
- Unanticipated Research Events (REB.FORM.008)
- Adverse Events (REB.FORM.007)
- Privacy Breaches (REB.FORM.015)
- Requests for Renewal (REB.FORM.003)
- Final Reports (REB.FORM.004)
- Changes to Study Personnel (REB.FORM.014)

Researchers should plan to submit new applications **NO LATER THAN JUNE 19, 2020** for any research proposed to start in August.

Forms are located online at: <https://www.msvu.ca/en/home/research/researchethics/forms.aspx>

## Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy: New Dates Announced

After careful consideration, BioCanRx has decided to postpone the 2020 Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy (Summit4CI) in light of the ongoing effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The 5th annual Summit4CI was scheduled to be held November 7-9, 2020, in Montréal, Québec. The Summit will still take place in Montréal, but the new dates will be November 20-22, 2021.

If you have further questions, please contact BioCanRx at [info@biocanrx.com](mailto:info@biocanrx.com). More details will be posted on the [Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy website](#) in the days to come.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**[NEW]** IWK collaboration focuses on best way to support pregnant women living with higher weights

Dr. Shannan Grant's new study is featured [here](#).

## IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

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### Student Job Scam Alert: Typosquatting Fraud Scheme

Fraudsters are actively scamming Canadian students using typosquatting, where they use fake email addresses that are only slightly different from legitimate ones. For instance, [hr@studeentjobs.ca](#) (with an extra e) would be a typosquat of [hr@studentjobs.ca](#).

In this fraud scheme, the job ads contain links to legitimate websites, but the email address cited uses a typosquatted domain name. You would visit the real website, which instils your confidence that the ad is real, but if you closely examine the email address, it is not the same as the website's domain name, maybe off by one letter.

A student in another province recently was asked via email to deposit a \$1000 e-transfer to buy gift cards and supply the gift card serial numbers to the "employer," but the e-transfer later bounced leaving the student out \$1000.

Never deposit cheques nor e-transfers for potential employers, and don't pay for employment expenses out of your own money. For more information about job scams see the Career Services [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.

### Try a Password Manager for International Password Day

May 7 was International Password Day. Password managers help you maintain unique and strong passwords for every website and system you use. For more on passwords and password managers, check out [the new Password Managers webpage](#) and [the Password Tips webpage](#).

### 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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