RESEARCH BULLETIN

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UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[NEW] Virtual Conference 2020

A reminder that Congress' Virtual Conference Week will take place **June 1 to 5, 2020**. Please visit http://www.congress2020.ca/registration for more information.

[NEW] Portage Webinar: Where is all the Research Data?

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020
Time: 1pm-2pm EDT
Register for this webinar

In this webinar, attendees will learn about an ongoing research project designed to a) identify how and where Canadian-funded research data is shared by examining the scholarly literature, and b) highlight data management problems associated with these existing data sharing practices. These efforts will serve as a jumping off point to explore the roles that librarians and the Portage Network can play in making Canadian research data more discoverable, regardless of where it may be stored. Attendees will learn about methods that can be used to identify research data shared by their own research communities, engage in a discussion about opportunities for working collaboratively to increase data discovery at an institutional level, and develop strategies to improve the reporting of data sharing going forward.

This webinar will be presented by Kevin Read, MLIS, MAS, Associate Librarian, University of Saskatchewan.

REMINDER: Research Ethics Open Office

Click to access the session:
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] 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/

[NEW] 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

CALLS FOR PAPERS AND APPLICATIONS

Request for Proposals: Community-Based Research Projects in Cannabis and Mental Health

The Mental Health Commission of Canada has announced a request for proposal for community-based research projects in cannabis and mental health to support a holistic policy approach on the relationship between cannabis and mental health. The purpose of the Community-Based Research (CBR) funding is to address knowledge gaps in the relationship between cannabis and mental health. This opportunity is also aimed at building research capacity among people with lived and living experience of cannabis use and/or mental health problems and illnesses, and by other priority populations. The application deadline has been extended to **May 29th, 2020**, please click here to learn more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NEW] 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). As of the 2021 competition year (**application deadline October 19, 2020**), NSERC <u>will no longer</u> 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.

[NEW] Canadian Sociological Association: E-Bulletin May 2020
View the newsletter.

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 5thannual 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. 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 to confirm if the platforms are secure.
- Researchers should be aware that <u>any</u> 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.

UBC Press News

Check out the Spring 2020 UBC Press Newsletter.

Increase in Research Assistant Pay from Grants

Effective April 1, 2020, the Committee on Research and Publications has increased the floor of the undergraduate student research assistant pay rate to $14/hr plus benefits.

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

Dr. Shannan Grant Co-authors Article on Pregnancy and Weight Management

Dr. Shannan Grant, Assistant Professor in Applied Human Nutrition, recently co-authored an article in the *Diabetes Communicator* titled, "Weight Management Guidelines for Patients With Gestational or Type 2 Diabetes During Pregnancy: Are the Current Guidelines". The article was written in partnership with Diabetes Canada.

Please find Dr. Grant's article attached.

MSVU biology professor Dr. Tamara Franz-Odendaal receives funding from Canadian Space Agency to study bone density loss

Dr. Tamara Franz-Odendaal, Professor of Biology at Mount Saint Vincent University, and NSERC Atlantic Chair for Women in Science and Engineering, has received a grant for $150 000 from the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), through its Space Health and Life Sciences division, for a project titled "Understanding microgravity-induced bone loss through in vivo simulated microgravity experiments." Read more here.

Congratulations Dr. Franz-Odendaal!

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

[NEW] 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@stude**e**ntjobs.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.