

# RESEARCH BULLETIN

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## VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

### [NEW] Research Ethics Open Office – Fall 2020



#### Research Ethics Open Office – Fall 2020

The Research Ethics Office is pleased to offer open office hours on-line via Skype for Business.

Feel free to join in to discuss research ethics, ask questions about ethics and your own research, the ethics process or application, research data management, on-line platforms, and more.

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

To schedule a one-on-one ethics consultation, email [ethics@msvu.ca](mailto:ethics@msvu.ca)

Wednesdays – note all times are 10:30-noon	
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	October 7 <sup>th</sup>
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	October 14 <sup>th</sup>
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	October 21 <sup>st</sup>

### [NEW] ACENET – Upcoming Training

Click here for info: <https://mailchi.mp/ece30cf754b6/fall-training-starts-next-week-3922633?e=6014c0790c>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### [NEW] COVID-19 Immunity Task Force - Call for EOIs

The COVID-19 pandemic has been experienced unequally within countries and Canada is no exception. Most COVID-19 deaths in Canada have been in long-term care facilities, cases have clustered in select neighbourhoods and within the hardest hit provinces, and working whose jobs require routine direct interaction with the public appear at greater risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection. Understanding the factors that give rise to these “hot spots” is critical to informing the design and assessing the effectiveness of efforts aimed at reducing disproportionate risk to SARS-CoV2/COVID-19.

This request for expressions of interest is for population-based studies that will report on novel data relating to COVID-19 infection and immunity in three types of COVID-19 “hot spots”: 1) geographic areas, 2) long-term care facilities, 3) occupation groups.

Please refer to this link for full

details. <https://www.covid19immunitytaskforce.ca/research/funding-opportunities/>

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest: September 21, 2020**

**[NEW]** 2020 Seed Grant: Advancing the Science of Guideline Development in a Patient-Oriented Research Setting

The SPOR Evidence Alliance Seed Grant aims to encourage a culture of learning, innovation, and advancement of science in the areas of knowledge synthesis, guideline development, knowledge translation, and patient-oriented research by funding methods projects at the conceptual stage.

Only projects studying methodological advancements of guideline development in a patient-oriented research setting will be considered; guideline projects themselves are not eligible for inclusion. Successful projects must have a strong focus on patient-oriented research and include stakeholder engagement in the conduct of the work.

**NOTE:** Priority will be given to proposals that aim to engage and improve health outcomes for Black, Indigenous, and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations.

Follow the link for more information: <https://sporevidencealliance.ca/get-involved/seed-grant-competition/2020-seed-grant/>

## **REMINDER** MSVU Internal Deadlines

### Deadlines for Internal Grant Competitions (CRP.SOP.005)

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	October 15
Research Excellence Award Early Career Research Award	December 1
NSERC USRAs	September 1 (Fall Term) December 1 (Winter Term) January 15 (Summer Term)
Standard Grant Book Launches Aid to Scholarly Publications and Communications Salary-based	January 31
Release Time Awards	April 5

More info on all internal grants can be found here: <https://www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/external-grants/internal-grants/>

### Mitacs Temporary Expanded Mandate - Undergrads and Municipalities

Mitacs is temporarily expanding eligibility guidelines for the upcoming fiscal year. Projects approved by March 31, 2020 can **include municipalities** as eligible partners and **undergraduate students as eligible interns** for Mitacs Accelerate projects. Mitacs Accelerate projects build research partnerships while funding students and postdocs. Your partner organization's financial contribution starts at \$7,500.

Projects with undergrads and municipalities can be multi-year and extend past the end of fiscal, but they have to be submitted by January 2021 in order to be approved.

More information can be found here: <https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate>.

Please look out for an invitation to an upcoming webinar from the Atlantic Canada Mitacs team regarding these new program changes.

Please contact Veronica Bacher at [veronica.bacher@msvu.ca](mailto:veronica.bacher@msvu.ca) if you are interested in applying for Mitacs funding.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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]** Research Nova Scotia Newsletter – August Edition

This is the [August edition of the Research Nova Scotia Newsletter](#). Follow along for updates on current funding opportunities, upcoming events, award recipients, and researcher stories that highlight the exciting research taking place right here in Nova Scotia.

### **[NEW]** 'ENGAGE' – SICP'S E-NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 2020

[Read here.](#)

### **[NEW]** CIHR Access Newsletter – August 26, 2020

Click [here](#) for info.

### Book Access - Engaging in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

The Mount now has an electronic copy of the book "[Engaging in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: A Guide to the Process, and How to Develop a Project From Start to Finish](#)" by Cathy Bishop-Clark and Beth Dietz-Uhler.

### DBDLI Researchers Network - Invitation to Join

The Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute is creating the first **African Nova Scotian Researcher Directory**. The purpose of the directory is to help bring awareness to, and create a network of, researchers of African descent in a range of fields. The directory will be a "go to" place for researchers looking to work collaboratively. The directory will also contribute to the advancement of the mission and vision of DBDLI.

Please follow the link to join the DBDLI network: <https://dbdli.ca/research-reports/african-nova-scotian-researcher-directory/>

### 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](#).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](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.

## MSVU FACULTY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

### [NEW] MSVU Research Achievements

Students, faculty, and research staff are encouraged to complete [this form](#) to notify the Research Office of any recent research achievements, including publications, projects, partnerships, conference presentations, media features, etc. The Research Office will assist you in promoting your hard work.

### [NEW] MSVU Professor named Fulbright Canada Research Chair

Congratulations to Dr. Marnina Gonick, Professor in Education/Women's Studies at MSVU, on being awarded the Fulbright Canada Research Chair at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, for the winter 2021 term! Learn more: <https://www.msvu.ca/msvu-professor-named-fulbright-canada-research-chair/>

### [NEW] The Research Nova Scotia Podcast: Beyond Breast is Best: Infant Feeding in Nova Scotia & Cambodia

In Episode 3 of the Research Nova Scotia Podcast we speak with Dr. Kyly Whitfield, Assistant Professor of Applied Human Nutrition at Mount Saint Vincent University and lead researcher of the **Milk and Micronutrient Assessment Lab**, also known as the MAMA Lab.

Kyly's passion for maternal and infant care began in grad school where her doctoral research focused on a life-saving solution to address maternal thiamin deficiency and infantile beriberi



in rural Cambodia. Since then, her research has expanded into a cross-cultural analysis of breastfeeding in Nova Scotia and Cambodia that goes beyond “breast is best” to focus on the supports required to achieve optimal health in both mama and baby.

Listen here: <https://researchns.ca/portfolio/podcast/>

## IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

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### **[NEW]** Email Scams Alert

Every September, scammers flood MSVU mailboxes with fraudulent phishing emails. Some common email-based scams seen at the Mount include:

1. Office 365-looking [phishing emails](#) and web pages inviting you to view a document online in order to steal your password
2. [Imposter email messages](#) asking you to buy gift cards or call a phone number
3. Unexpected email attachments that contain [a computer virus](#)
4. [Fake blackmail emails](#) attempting to scare you into paying bitcoin
5. [CRA and Service Canada scams](#) designed to steal your social insurance number and banking details
6. [Job scam emails](#)

**Warning:** Messages with the warning “[[FIRST.LAST@SOMEWEBSITE.COM](#) appears similar to someone who previously sent you email, but may not be that person. Learn why this could be a risk at <http://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>.]” are likely from [scammers impersonating someone you know](#).

Please forward suspicious emails to the IT&S Help Desk at [helpdesk@msvu.ca](mailto:helpdesk@msvu.ca). Sign up for the free Beauceron cybersecurity training at [msvu.ca/cyber](https://msvu.ca/cyber).

### 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.

### 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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