

# RESEARCH BULLETIN

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## EVENTS AND WEBINARS

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### [NEW] New Faculty Orientation 2021!

The Research Office and Teaching and Learning Center would like to invite you to our New Faculty Orientation. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am-3:00pm (AST) in the McCain Centre room 105/6 or Microsoft Teams.

The New Faculty Orientation is intended to be a helpful collection of information most commonly of interest to new faculty in their first year at MSVU. With the option to attend in person or virtually, we will provide you with essential start-up information from a variety of presenters, including research grants, research ethics, financial administration, teaching development and supports, library resources, and more! For more information, **please see the attached agenda**. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to those attending in person. **Please RSVP by completing [this form](#)**. Project managers, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty who did not attend last year's orientation are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Jessica Long at [Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca](mailto:Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca).

### [NEW] Future Priorities for Patient-Oriented Research

As a partner and stakeholder in Canada's [Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research](#) (SPOR), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) will be hosting an online discussion this summer to solicit ideas from the health research community on future priorities for patient-oriented research. Patient-oriented research, which is foundational to evidence-informed health care, refers to a continuum of research that engages patients, caregivers and their families, health professionals, decision-makers, researchers and other knowledge users and communities as partners.

We invite you to share your views on what should be the areas of focus for patient-oriented research over the next five years. The online discussion will begin with a short survey, followed later in the summer by an online discussion forum on the common research priorities and themes identified from the survey results. We encourage you to

participate in the online discussion and share the link with stakeholders within your network. The link will be available shortly on the CIHR website and social media channels.

### **[NEW]** SSHRC NFRF 2021 Rapid Response Competition – Launch and Upcoming Webinars

SSHRC NFRF 2021 Rapid Response Competition – Launch and upcoming webinars  
Under the direction of the CRCC, the 2021 Innovative Approaches to Research in the Pandemic Context competition of the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) was launched today. The goal of the funding opportunity is to accelerate the exploration of new approaches and the development and testing of new directions in research methodologies, to respond to challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. All competition documents are available on our [website](#), and the [Convergence Portal](#) is open.

The competition has **2** stages:

1. Notification of Intent to Apply (NOI) stage with a deadline of **September 21, 2021** (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)
2. Full Application stage with a deadline of **October 26, 2021** (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)

*Applications at each stage must be submitted by research administrators.  
Research administrators are free to set their own internal deadlines.*

In preparation for the NOI deadline, we encourage all applicants and research administrators to participate in one of the two upcoming webinars. Below are the dates, times and links to the webinars.

August 12<sup>th</sup> – 2021 Special Call – French

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

<https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6962ac99df1881969fe5f1c3e1209877> – Event password: pbVE336Nmpy

August 12<sup>th</sup> – 2021 Special Call – English

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

<https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5c94638d4738607f87a3b8b58f218f1d> – Event password: CPmZji4aJ23

Webinars will be recorded and they will be made available along with the presentation slides to the research administrators after the session. For more information, please contact: [NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca](mailto:NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaire.gc.ca).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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**[NEW]** External Grant Season! A message from Veronica Bacher, Research Grants Coordinator

With September around the corner, it's time for the Research Office to begin planning and scheduling our external grants season. Giving the Research Office a heads-up helps us create enough time in our schedules so that each faculty member receives the best and most appropriate support possible.

- If you are thinking about applying for an external grant, please let me know as soon as possible. This informal notice is for planning purposes only – you are not obligated to apply once you give the RESO a heads-up.
- If you would like to have an informal chat about grants this year (opportunities, timelines, partnerships, grant components, etc.), I am available for a virtual or in-person (!) meeting.
- If you have questions about process, please see the attached infographic or attend our orientation on September 1 (RSVP to [Jessica.long1@msvu.ca](mailto:Jessica.long1@msvu.ca)).

Below are some of our most popular and notable grant deadlines in the Fall. Please note that the most up-to-date information on CIHR opportunities can be found on [ResearchNet](#).

September:

September 10: [Aid to Scholarly Journals](#)

September 15: [SSHRC Partnership Engage](#)  
[CIHR Project Grant](#) (Registration mandatory Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>)

October:

Oct. 1: [SSHRC Insight](#) \*NEW\*

Oct. 19: [NFRF Exploration](#) (NOI mandatory Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>)

Oct. 25: [NSERC Research Tools and Instruments](#)

November:

Nov. 1: [NSERC Discovery](#); [SSHRC Connection](#)

Nov 15: [SSHRC Partnership Development](#)

**[NEW]** SSHRC launches new Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative

SSHRC has officially launched the new **Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative**.

**Valued at up to \$450,000 over three years, the deadline is November 15,**

**2021.** The goal of the Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative is to support community-based and community-led research partnerships with postsecondary institutions that are grounded in the lived experience of underrepresented or disadvantaged groups and that analyze the causes and persistence of systemic racism and discrimination. Leadership by people from underrepresented or disadvantaged groups in research projects about race, gender and diversity is important to help ensure the research is grounded in the complexities of the lived experiences and histories of diverse groups and individuals, and to inform more rigorous and relevant policy and program design. The ultimate purpose of this initiative is to support partnership research and related activities to meet the needs of organizations working toward removing barriers and disparities for women; First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples; Black, Asian and other racialized peoples; people living with disabilities (both visible and invisible); LGBTQ2+ people; religious minorities; and others marginalized on the basis of their ethnicity and other identity factors. This initiative encourages an intersectional approach. Intersectionality—a term first coined by African-American scholar Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw—is an approach to research that helps us understand how identities (e.g., race gender, class and sexuality) and power structures intersect to create various modes of discrimination and privilege, advantage and disadvantage. Research under this initiative can include learning from grant-supported or prior pilot projects to achieve greater justice and equity.

More information can be found [here](#). Please contact Veronica Bacher at [veronica.bacher@msvu.ca](mailto:veronica.bacher@msvu.ca) if you are thinking about an application.

### Government of Canada – Doctoral Scholarship Opportunity in Canada

The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships program is designed to support world-class students pursuing doctoral degrees at Canadian universities. The scholarship awards \$50,000 per year for three years. The program is open to both Canadian and international students. Students must be nominated by the Canadian university at which they plan to study.

The 2021-2022 competition was launched on *June 23, 2021*, and please note the following important dates:

- **For Students:** Consult nominating institution for submission deadline.
- **For nominating institutions:** Deadline: **November 2, 2021 (20:00 EST)**.

Please click [here](#) to access the launch memo, and kindly consult our website at <http://www.vanier.gc.ca/> for further details on our program, including how to apply.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**[NEW]** CHIR Delegates Update from Dr. Derek Fisher, Associate VP Research  
As the University Delegate to CIHR for MSVU, I am pleased to bring you updates from the monthly delegate meetings. Below is a summary of some of the major CIHR news from the August meeting.

- CIHR is hiring a new Vice President Research – Programs. Details can be found at <https://bit.ly/37p8Q3m>
- Additional details were provided on the [new interdisciplinary peer review committee](#). For CIHR, the use of this new peer review committee will begin for the CIHR Fall 2021 Project Grant competition and applies to projects that straddle the mandates of CIHR and NSERC or CIHR and SSHRC (i.e. a project need only fall within the mandates of two of the three Tri-Agencies). Applicants will select the Interdisciplinary panel during registration.
- Applications for the CIHR Reviewer in Training Program are being accepted: [cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52291.html](http://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52291.html). The program for the Spring Project competition had a 30% success rate and 97% of participants indicated they would recommend it to their peers.
- English language webinars for the Fall 2021 Project Grant competition will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup> (2-3pm AT) and August 25<sup>th</sup> (noon-1pm AT). <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45096.html>
- The following dates relating to the CIHR Project Grant competition for Fall 2021 have been launched
  - Competition Launch: July 20, 2021
  - Registration Deadline: August 18, 2021
  - Application Deadline: September 15, 2021

If you would like to discuss these more, or to provide feedback you would like me to bring to CIHR, please feel free to reach out.

### **[NEW]** MSVU UREB Seeking Additional Community Member

The MSVU Research Ethics Board is seeking to add an additional community member to its current membership. Expressions of interest should be sent by **August 16th, 2021** electronically to: [ethics@msvu.ca](mailto:ethics@msvu.ca). More info can be found attached!

**[NEW]** The Summer 2021 edition of the MSVU Ethics Matters newsletter is out! Read the newsletter [here](#).

### **[NEW]** LAUNCH: Fall 2021 Reviewer in Training Program

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to announce the call for expressions of interest to the [Fall 2021 Reviewer in Training \(RiT\) program](#). The RiT program offers Early Career Researchers (ECRs) a learning opportunity to gain a

better understanding of the elements of high quality review and the peer review process through direct participation in the Project Grant competition with the support of a Mentor. RiT participants will be assigned three applications to conduct practice reviews, attend the peer review meeting, present one of their reviews, and participate in the meeting. Following completion of the RiT program, participants will be promoted within CIHR's [Reviewer Pathway](#) and are expected to participate in peer review when requested and available to do so.

The application period opens on July 26, 2021 and closes on **August 20, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact [college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca).

### **[NEW]** New Dataverse and Research Data Repositories Training Module

The Dataverse Training Group (Dataverse North Working Group) and the Data Repositories 101 Working Group (National Training Expert Group) published [new online modules](#) to help researchers and other stakeholders navigate the world of research data repositories.

Dataverse 101: Module 1 is the first of a planned series of modules on the Dataverse repository platform, while the Research Data Repositories 101 series of modules will help users learn about the role that research data repositories play in good research data management (RDM), and in meeting the requirements of the Tri-Agency RDM Policy.

### [New Dataverse and Research Data Repositories Training Modules! - Portage Network](#)

### **[NEW]** New “Ask a Scientist” video featuring Dr. Charu Kaushic

CIHR has released the second video in their [Ask a Scientist series](#)! Dr. Charu Kaushic, Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity, stars in this new video. In just six minutes, she outlines the benefits of vaccination and explains the concept of herd immunity. You can find the video and all the supporting materials [here](#).

### **[REMINDER]** UREB August Hiatus

**Please be advised that the University Research Ethics Board will not be processing any new research ethics applications in August 2021.**

The UREB will continue to process the following:

- 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)

Forms are located online at: [Forms and Applications \(msvu.ca\)](#)

## **MSVU RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**[NEW]** Safe Spaces Program Video from a Research Project led by Dr. Susan Brigham

The Safe Spaces Program at the [Syrian Canadian Foundation](#) was part of a research project led by Dr. Susan Brigham, Professor in the Faculty of Education. The goal of the program was to create space for open discussions with refugee youth and parents and integrate trauma stories into building inner strength. Learn more by watching the video [here](#).

**[NEW]** New Series Highlighting Postdoctoral Fellows at MSVU

The series recently featured Dr. De-Lawrence Lamptey and Dr. Maryam Akbari. Dr. De-Lawrence Lamptey is a postdoctoral fellow in the Early Childhood Collaborative Research Centre. Dr. Lamptey is studying the impact of COVID-19 on young children and their families. Dr. Maryam Akbari is a postdoc supervised by Dr. Bohdan Luhovyy of the Dept of Applied Human Nutrition. Dr. Akbari is coordinating a clinical trial on how dietary modifications could impact anthropometric and metabolic indices in overweight individuals. Learn more about their research and experience at MSVU [here](#).

**[NEW]** The MAMA Lab launched online learning hub

Researchers at MAMA Lab led by Dr. Kyly Whitfield of the Department of Applied Human Nutrition & director of the MAMA Lab, have launched an online learning hub of educational videos to share info about feeding infants during first 6 months. Learn more [here](#).

## **IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS**

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**[NEW]** Research Security Courses

The Government of Canada has developed two courses to better equip Canadian researchers with the knowledge and resources to protect their research, “Introduction to Research Security” and “Cyber Security for Researchers.” Each course has a duration of approximately 30 to 40 minutes, and at the end of each you can download a certificate of completion. You can access the courses on [the Industry Canada Safeguarding Your Research website](#).

Safeguarding Your Research

Espionage and foreign interference activities pose real threats to Canadian research integrity, intellectual property and business interests.

- Since 2018, the federal granting agencies have been working with the **Government of Canada - Universities Working group** to ensure the security and integrity of publicly funded research in Canada.
- In September 2020, the Working Group published the **Safeguarding your Research** portal – [https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h\\_97955.html](https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97955.html)
- The Government of Canada has tasked the Working Group with developing specific risk guidelines to integrate national security considerations into the evaluation and funding of research partnerships. Contact: [RPP@NSERC-CRSNG.GC.CA](mailto:RPP@NSERC-CRSNG.GC.CA)
- The granting agencies are also reviewing their security policies and procedures, following national and international best practices.

All researchers and administrators are encouraged to consult the following resources for more information on how to safeguard research and innovation:

- Safeguarding Your Research Portal: guidance, information, and tools, and case studies.
- Who Do You Contact Page: for questions related to security risks.
- Safeguarding Science: Interactive workshop from Public Safety Canada
- Canadian Centre for Cyber Security: Hosts resources on the cyber threat environment, including interactive content, publications, alerts, and advisories
- Canadian Cyber Security Tool: Voluntary self-assessment survey
- La cybersécurité en milieu universitaire, a free online course offered by SERENE-RISC and the University of Montreal from April 28 – November 30, 2021 (French only)

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