

RESEARCH BULLETIN

September 7, 2021

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EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[NEW] SSHRC Upcoming Webinars

SSHRC will be holding a series of webinars for applicants and research administrators on upcoming competitions.

The webinars will be held via WebEx at the following dates and times:

Webinar	Date	WebEx Link
Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative (English)	Tuesday, September 21, 2021 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m3ccc22e3271868a88cfa8b80a7b15e82
L'Initiative sur la race, le genre et la diversité du CRSH (French)	Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m17582a0a79ae108594c32a327a467e7f
Open Research Area 7 (English)	Wednesday, September 22, 2021 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9f88373767b26a3e9fcb5753af8bc737 Password: SSHRC2021
Open Research Area 7 (English)	Wednesday, September 22, 2021 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5e54cd8c6ea4d404b1d7b7c29badf6c4 Password: SSHRC2021
Open Research Area 7 (French)	Thursday, September 23, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/onstage/g.php?MTID=efa5bb67fbcdee513fab91e3015373739 Password: SSHRC2021
Partnership Development Grants (English)	Monday, October 4, 2021 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=mdc43334082be88b9ef28820895254be7 Event number (access code): 179 953 5105 Password: SSHRC2021

Partnership Development Grants (French)	Monday, October 4, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m1b866d6dc8f82dd7b000dab5201fe2d5 Event number (access code): 179 433 3475 Password: CRSH2021
Partnership Development Grants (French)	Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m0a7572ecbeea67498adc0088d8dfcef3 Event number (access code): 179 974 8089 Password: CRSH2021
Partnership Development Grants (English)	Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m68186a366513544244591d1c1faa92a7 Event number (access code): 179 199 1738 Password: SSHRC2021
Partnership Engage Grants (English)	Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e904f84b3fcd21bd166425436a03e0b70 Event number (access code): 179 964 3802 Password: SSHRC2021
Partnership Engage Grants (French)	Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo-fr/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef230c6f47eb8f3eebbb9809fe88455b8 Event number (access code): 179 107 4210 Password: SSHRC2021
Partnership Grants – Stage 1 (French)	Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m8df80cc6cc82a70db0fa11737c648514
Partnership Grants – Stage 1 (English)	Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m760b6d63c2f7b6ffc8e3d7ada3c6954c
Connection Grants (English)	Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e74e73e05ff08fde5621278f105bc139a Password : SSHRC2021
Connection Grants (French)	Thursday, November 18, 2021 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/onstage/g.php?MTID=e439d79a8dcb2d038fdad2a13bb3fa981 Password : SSHRC2021
Insight Development Grants (French)	Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (eastern)	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m32ac5ca540f58cadd1f81f5561c522b9
Insight Development	Thursday, December 16, 2021	https://sshrcvideo.webex.com/sshrcvideo/j.php?MTID=m41cf2b5baeac5f1113925453d054dd1

Grants (English)	1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (eastern)	
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If you have technical questions, please contact:

Helpdesk

Tel.: 613-995-4273

Email: webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

[NEW] NSERC Live Q&A Webinars - How to complete a RTI application

Due to COVID-19, NSERC is replacing live webinars with pre-recorded videos followed by live Q&A sessions. This series is meant to assist the **research** community on how to complete an application using the **Research Portal** and the NSERC [Canadian Common CV](#) (CCV). You will find below the pre-recorded videos as well as the dates for these upcoming live Q&A sessions. New Q&A session dates will be added as they become available on our website.

We ask that you please view the [pre-recorded videos](#) prior to attending a live Q&A session, as the material presented in the videos will not be repeated.

In order to prepare, we invite you to familiarize yourself with the following documents:

- [RTI program description](#) which includes the [Peer Review Manual](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Instructions for Completing an RTI Application](#)

Pre-registration is not required to attend the live Q&A sessions. The session will be open 15 minutes in advance for you to review existing questions and submit your questions in advance.

Considering the high attendance to our webinars, NSERC staff may not have time to respond to all individual questions during the session. Any additional questions should be directed to our support team at [NSERC Discovery](#).

	How to complete an RTI application (English session)	Comment remplir une demande OIR (French session)
Dates	Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Wednesday, September 29, 2021	Thursday, September 9, 2021 Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Time	1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (ET)	1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (ET)
Open to	Members of the research community across Canada	Members of the research community across Canada
Links and passwords (if required)	Live Q&A for September 7, 2021 RTISept7 Live Q&A for September 29, 2021 RTISept30	Live Q&A for September 9, 2021 OIRSept9 Live Q&A for September 28, 2021 OIRSept28

Consult the [Webinars page](#) to learn about upcoming information sessions.

[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] NFRF Special call 2021 – Webinar Recordings and Slides

Please find attached the PowerPoint slides that were presented during our webinars for the 2021 NFRF Special call – Innovative approaches to research in the pandemic context. You may also view the recording of the webinars:

English Recording: <https://youtu.be/IQyCTbJE2PE>

August 12th

French Recording: <https://youtu.be/OzNYawiwCeE> August 12th

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] Knowledge Synthesis Grants Call – “The Emerging Asocial Society”
The Social Sciences and Humanities **Research** Council of Canada (SSHRC) has launched a Knowledge Synthesis Grants funding opportunity to assess the state of **research** knowledge on the topic of “*The Emerging Asocial Society*”, under SSHRC’s [Imagining Canada’s Future](#) initiative.

This call for proposals focuses on the state of knowledge from **research** on issues related to the growing sense of disconnection, isolation and loneliness in Canadian society. The resulting syntheses will identify roles that the academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors may play in promoting more connected and resilient communities, and may inform the development of effective tools, robust policies and sustainable practices required to support the transition to a more equitable, healthy and prosperous future.

The deadline for applications is **December 17, 2021**. For more information on the call for proposals, please contact: ksg-ssc@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

[NEW] Mitacs: GRA Thematic Call

We are pleased to share the website link of the upcoming [GRA thematic call](#). The call officially launched on **September 1** and will close on December 1.

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

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).

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. 18th)

October:

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

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

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

November:

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

Nov 15: [SSHRC Partnership Development](#)

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 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] [Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan joins MSVU as new AVPR!](#)

A warm welcome to Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan, the new Associate Vice-President **Research** at MSVU! Dr. Gahagan is a medical sociologist by training and has **researched** in the areas of public health and the social sciences locally, nationally and internationally. Learn more [here](#).

[NEW] [Research with Human Participants during COVID-19](#)

A reminder that face-to-face **research** at MSVU remains at level 3 (expanded). Click [here](#) for details and how the phases of the Province of Nova Scotia align with our levels of resumption of face-to-face **research**. If you have any

questions about **research** with human participants during COVID-19, please contact ethics@msvu.ca. More info can be found [here](#).

[NEW] NS LGBT Seniors Archive Community Advisor Committee

The Nova Scotia LGBT Seniors Archive is currently looking to expand our Community Advisory Committee. We are looking for individuals who reside in, are from, or have connections to Nova Scotia, and who identify as part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. No experience with archives necessary, and members of all ages, genders, and cultural backgrounds are welcome. Participation from seniors (age 55+); Black/African Nova Scotian, Indigenous, and other people of colour; as well as transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and other gender diverse individuals is greatly appreciated and strongly encouraged. Please see the attached document for more information.

Additionally, the NS LGBT is seeking a Project Coordinator for our Lesbian Oral History Project. This is a paid part-time position for a maximum total of 100 hours. The Project Coordinator is responsible for training volunteers, scheduling the oral history interviews, and assisting with writing the final project report. While the ideal candidate is a senior lesbian from Nova Scotia, we are open to all candidates with experience coordinating community-based projects. Please see the attached job posting for more information.

Interested Community Advisory Committee participants can email Rachel Moore at rc348749@dal.ca. Applicants for the Project Coordinator position are encouraged to send a resume and cover letter to Jacqueline Gahagan at Jacqueline.Gahagan@MSVU.ca.

[NEW] How can we better connect **researchers** to community?

Research Nova Scotia and **VOLTA** are seeking innovative ideas that provide a way to better connect **researchers** to community in Nova Scotia. Expressions of interest are due on **September 27, 2021**. Learn more [here](#).

MSVU RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

[NEW] New Article Published by Dr. Phillip Joy and Dr. Michelle Forrest

Drs. Joy and Forrest recently published a new article titled 'Out of the Closet and into Quarantine'. Check it out in the newest issue of Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture & Social Justice [here](#).

[NEW] MSVU **researcher** receives grant to advance work on lung disease

Mount Saint Vincent University biology professor [Dr. Tamara Franz-Odendaal](#) has been named the recipient of a [Legacy Research Award](#) from the Lung Association of Nova Scotia. The award, which carries a value of \$25,000, will facilitate a new [research](#) initiative for Dr. Franz-Odendaal's lab: a study of tracheal development and signaling molecules, and their function in relation to lung disease. More [here](#).

[NEW] [Dr. Phillip Joy](#) receives new funding from SSHRC!

[Dr. Phillip Joy](#), Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Human Nutrition, received \$65,628.00 to advance their [research](#) from the Social Sciences and Humanities [Research](#) Council (SSHRC) in the 2021 Insight Development Grants (IDG) competition. Dr. Joy's funding will be used to examine "puppy" play in the queer community. More [here](#).

[NEW] [MSVU researchers](#) receive \$1 million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and [Research Nova Scotia](#)

Congrats to MSVU [researchers](#) Dr. Lori Borgal (Dept of Biology) & Dr. Bohdan Luhovyy (Dept of Applied Human Nutrition), who have received \$1 million from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation and [Research](#) Nova Scotia. Learn more [here](#).

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

[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
- 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
- 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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