**Call for Abstracts**

**From Theory to Action, MSVU 150th Student Research Symposium**

**About the Event:**

Are you a student researcher looking for an opportunity to showcase your research? Would you like to engage in meaningful discussions about MSVU’s rich research history and promising future at the end of the 150th anniversary year?

Student researchers from all disciplines are invited to participate in the Mount Saint Vincent University 150th Student Research Symposium, hosted by the MSVU Research Office and Student’s Union, on November 24th, 2023, from 9:00am-2:00pm.

*From Theory to Action,* the Student Research Symposium will bring together faculty, students, and community members; serving as a platform to showcase the outstanding research conducted by MSVU's academic community, specifically students.

**Event Themes:**

Foregrounding this event are the themes of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility (EDIA), and Truth and Reconciliation. These themes will guide the keynote, presentations and research symposium. There will be keynotes delivered by Randy Headley, Black Student Advisor, and Delvina Bernard, MSVU’s EDIA Advisor, titled From Theory to Action: The Scarborough Charter. This event will also include student posters and presentations followed by a light lunch and poster walk-through.

**Submission Details:**

We invite submissions from any relevant discipline, and interdisciplinary research that features the themes of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility and/or Truth and Reconciliation is strongly encouraged.

To submit, please send a research abstract of no more than 250 words by filling out the [Submission Form](https://forms.office.com/r/CGhPw1Ny2N). Research abstracts must be based on research currently conducted or within the last 12 months. Participants selected for the symposium will be entered in a draw with the chance to win a prize valued at $500.

Submission deadline: **September 28th, 2023**

**Next Steps:**

You will receive a confirmation email letting you know that we’ve received your abstract.

Students will be contacted by the end of October 2023, to advise if your abstract was successful.

Please contact us if you have any questions about this process.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Abstracts will be selected by the review committee based on the following criteria.

1. *MSVU Strategic Research Pillars (30%)*

Reviewers will consider whether submissions relate to any of the 5 Pillars of the MSVU [Research Strategic Plan:](https://issuu.com/msvualumnae/docs/final_07-14-2023_msvu_research_strategic_plan_202) 1) Gender, Sexuality, & the Advancement of Women & Girls & Other Historically Underrepresented Populations, 2) Intersectional Ways of Knowing & Knowledge Mobilization, 3) Health, Wellness & Social Justice Across the Life Course, 4) Life, Computational, & Physical Sciences, and 5) Supporting the Research Lifecycle.

1. *Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (20%)*

More information can be found on MSVU’s EDIA commitments at any of the links below.

[Dimensions Charter](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/EDI-EDI/Dimensions-Charter_Dimensions-Charte_eng.asp)

[Scarborough Charter](https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/scarborough-charter/sites/utsc.utoronto.ca.scarborough-charter/files/docs/Scarborough_Charter_EN_Nov2022.pdf)

[MSVU Strategic Plan](https://issuu.com/msvualumnae/docs/msvu-strategicplan2021-2028-final)

[Research Strategic Plan](https://issuu.com/msvualumnae/docs/final_07-14-2023_msvu_research_strategic_plan_202)

1. *Principles of Truth and Reconciliation (20%)*

Read more about Truth and Reconciliation at any of the links below.

[Truth and Reconciliation Reports and Findings](https://nctr.ca/records/reports/)

[Truth and Reconciliation Canada Calls to Action](https://nctr.ca/about/history-of-the-trc/trc-website/)

[MSVU Strategic Plan](https://issuu.com/msvualumnae/docs/msvu-strategicplan2021-2028-final)

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1. *Originality, Theory, Design, Clarity (30%)*