

Academic Research and External Partner Support – Expanding Possibilities and Partnerships (2024-2025)

The Industry Liaison Office (ILO) is partially funded by the Research Support Fund (RSF) and helps to facilitate collaborations amongst researchers at Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) and external partners (companies, government, not-for-profits and community organizations). The ILO provides advice on funding options and puts the necessary agreements into place so that the collaborators can focus on the partnership and research project. Through all project discussions the researcher's position on Intellectual Property (IP) ownership is discussed, before negotiating with the partners. Over the last year, the ILO has connected with faculty across the Departments of Chemistry, Biology, Applied Human Nutrition, Aging and Family Studies, Business Administration, Tourism and Hospitality Management, and the Faculty of Education.

The ILO coordinates events to raise awareness of the research expertise at MSVU. Last fall, the ILO co-hosted an event titled "*Closing the Gap – Living Longer in Better Health*" with colleagues from Cape Breton University, Dalhousie University and a local company. The event included speakers and panelists across academia, healthcare, and industry to discuss the importance of improving healthy aging and narrowing the gap between health span and lifespan. Three MSVU faculty delivered presentations on topics ranging from broader social health considerations, to improving measurement of health and gathering robust data, to the importance of aging and nutrition.

The MSVU Research Office hosts New Faculty Orientation and Research Refresh annually. The ILO provides an overview of the office and its support services to researchers at the New Faculty Orientation. At the Research Refresh, the ILO delivered a talk on IP and the different forms of IP protection. With financial contributions from the RSF, the ILO can conduct IP outreach activities and help build connections between researchers and external partners.

For more information:

- Industry Liaison Office – [Industry Liaison Office](#)
- Research Support Fund (Government of Canada) – [Research Support Fund – Supporting the indirect costs associated with research](#)
- MSVU Research Support Fund - [Research Support Fund](#)