

This edition of Arts Matters contains information about grant and nomination deadlines for grad students, as well as information about new travel funding for graduates, and a report on the 2013 Aldrich conference.



## Grad Student Edition

### New format for the Grad Student E-Newsletter

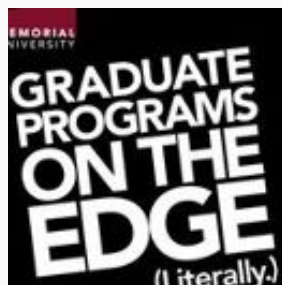
We're using a new system to deliver news about grad student successes, deadlines, etc., in a timely and attractive way.

We hope you're prepared to have a great summer!



#### Aldrich Interdisciplinary Conference 2013

On April 26th - 28th the Graduate Student Union hosted the annual Aldrich Interdisciplinary Conference. Aldrich offers graduate students the opportunity to gain valuable presentation experience while networking with other



#### Graduate student travel funding

The Dean of Graduate Studies is pleased to announce an increase in graduate student travel funding provided by the School of Graduate Studies effective April 1, 2013. The funding is increased by \$100 in all categories (Atlantic, Rest of Canada and US, and other



#### Upcoming Dates

See our [deadlines](#) page for further details:

**June 1, 2013 (SGS deadline):**  
A.G. Hatcher Memorial Scholarships.

**June 1, 2013 (SGS deadline):**  
F.A. Aldrich Graduate Award.

**June 5, 2013 (internal deadline):**  
MITACS Elevate PDF funds recent PhDs conducting research with industrial partners.

**June 17, 2013 (SGS deadline):**  
F. A. Aldrich Fellowship.

**June 20, 2013 (SGS deadline):**

graduate students in an informal setting. Interdisciplinary conferences such as this one offer academics the chance to engage with colleagues from different disciplines, thus encouraging broadly accessible approaches to research.

This years Aldrich Conference had three themes: Teaching and Learning, Research, and Public Engagement. The conference had 98 abstracts from graduate students and senior level undergraduate student's with 21 presenters for the Research-Arts theme, a sub theme within the Research Category. Students from faculties of Sociology, Gender Studies, Linguistics, Sociology, Archaeology, Humanities, Music and French & Science presented at the conference.

The Vice-President (Research) Prize was a \$1000.00 travel credit for future conference participation. There was a tie in this category and was divided equally between: Nicole Ferguson from Biology, for "Towards a better understanding of antibiotic biosynthesis; A proteomics study of *Streptomyces clavuligerus*." and Michelle Tari Davies from

international). For travel that has taken place since April 1, 2013, for which a travel claim has already been processed, academic units can forward a journal entry to SGS to recover the additional \$100 to supervisor grants, etc. , or can email SGS to identify students who should be paid an additional \$100 (providing full expenses were not already reimbursed). For travel that has not yet taken place but the travel request for funding has been approved, the SGS amount can be adjusted on the travel claim when submitted. Any questions regarding the process to receive the retroactive funding for travel as of April 1, 2013, can be directed to Nancy Fagan ([nfagan@mun.ca](mailto:nfagan@mun.ca) or 864-7642).



### **Need help with grant applications?**

After your supervisor or graduate coordinator has provided substantial feedback on your grant, fellowship, or scholarship application, grants facilitator Kelley Bromley-Brits can provide you with helpful constructive feedback to increase your chances of success. Kelley

Gerda Henkel Stiftung PhD Scholarship.

**June 28, 2013 (SGS deadline):**  
Chevron Canada Limited Rising Star Awards.

**July 1, 2013 (external deadline):**  
Gerda Henkel Stiftung Foundation: Doctoral Scholarship in Ancient History.

**July 5, 2013 (SGS deadline):**  
Geological Association of Canada Postgraduate Scholarship in Environmental Science.

**July 20, 2013 (SGS deadline):**  
Special Scholarships for Students to Pursue Graduate Studies in the Sciences Related to Resource Development

Archaeology for “Changing relations: Women’s work brought to light in 18th century Labrador”. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Stay up to date about details for the 2014 Aldrich conference by liking the [Aldrich Conference](#) and or [GSU MUN](#) on Facebook.

-Alissa Vieth, V.P.  
Communications &  
Research, Graduate  
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can provide feedback in the following areas:

Wordsmithing: Editing to increase clarity, logical flow, parallelism, and active vs. passive phrasing.  
Alternate word choice suggestions to promote positive and confident connotations.

Structural organization: Ensuring the application is organized such that both the application instructions and evaluation criteria are explicitly addressed and easily identifiable.

Spin: Analysis of the current fit with the agency’s mandate and evaluation criteria. Suggestions to help further enhance the fit, emphasize the originality, impact, and importance of your work, and market your specific experience and skills.

Budget (if included): Ensuring all expenses are appropriate, feasible, and allowable. Additional items to include will be suggested if applicable.

Technical specifications: Ensuring the application is complete, and that the font size, margins, and numbers of pages are within the application guidelines.

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