

Research Mobilization Fellowship Program

These fellowships are contingent upon final funding approval from the Department of Jobs, Growth and Rural Development, Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism, Government of Newfoundland & Labrador. We anticipate 23 fellowships of \$12,500 each for international graduate students to participate in the Research Mobilization Program. This unique program aims to bridge the gap between academic research and research commercialization, empowering students to translate their science and engineering research into commercially viable outcomes.

Program Eligibility

1. **International graduate students** enrolled in a research-based program at Memorial University who have not previously completed the program. Please note that Postdoctoral Fellows are ineligible to apply.
2. Applicants must bring a project that aligns with **science and technology disciplines** and has potential for commercialization.
3. Students must be able to register for, and complete the BUSI 9308: **New Venture Creation** graduate course offered on Thursdays, September to December, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty of Business Administration building, St. John's campus, room BN-1009 (for Grenfell and Labrador Campus students, an online option is available).
4. Students must be able to dedicate at least 5 hours per week to other program activities in addition to the course requirements, including but not limited to workshops on translational R&D, IP management, professionalism, and entrepreneurial thinking and mindset.
5. Normally, participants must be present in St. John's for the duration of the program; exceptions will only be made for participants conducting field studies or for those located in-person on the Grenfell or Labrador campuses.
6. Participants must have a valid study permit for the duration of the program.

7. Participants must be a student for the duration of the entire program: September 10th 2026 – April 30th, 2027.

Program Parameters

1. Program Duration: September 10th, 2026 – April 30th, 2027. In addition to attending BUSI 9308 classes, students must have availability on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. to participate in in-person sessions (online option available for students conducting field studies and students located at the Grenfell or Labrador campuses).
2. The Research Mobilization Fellowship Program is designed to:
 - i. Prepare participants for successful careers as scientist/engineer-entrepreneurs or professionals in academia, industry, or government.
 - ii. Equip students with interdisciplinary skills in technology innovation and entrepreneurship.
 - iii. Foster an entrepreneurial mindset and essential professional competencies.
 - iv. As a result of these learnings, students may determine that the project they are working on has potential for further development or commercialization beyond the scope of the program.

How to Apply:

1. Complete **all components** of this application form. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
2. Review the full application and contents with your supervisor and have them sign at the bottom.
3. Email the completed and signed application package to rio@mun.ca and **copy your supervisor's @mun.ca email address on the submission. Applications without a supervisor copied will not be accepted.**

Please note the following:

1. Deadline for submission of complete applications is **Monday, August 24th, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.** The application **deadline is firm**. Submissions received after the stated deadline will not be reviewed or considered under any circumstances.
2. A confirmation of application receipt will be issued within 72 business hours of submission. Please note that all application components are mandatory. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed, and applicants will not be contacted to provide missing information. Ensure your application is complete and accurate prior to submission.
3. Only the information registered in the form will be considered; if you wish to provide any additional information to support your application, use the additional comments section.
4. As part of the application process, students must ensure that their proposed project has been reviewed and approved by their supervisor prior to submission. This includes confirming that:
 - i. The supervisor supports the project's scope and relevance.
 - ii. The project does not violate any confidentiality or disclosure provisions outlined in existing research agreements.
5. Applications will be evaluated based on:
 - i. The relevance and commercialization potential of the research project.
 - ii. Alignment of the applicant's goals with the program objectives.
 - iii. Academic achievements, leadership and professional experiences.
6. Applications will be evaluated by a committee. Upon completion of the evaluation, successful applicants will be contacted first. RIO will confirm their participation in the program before notifying those who were not selected.

7. If you have questions, please email rio@mun.ca.

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Please ensure that all sections of this form are completed in full before submission.

1. Student Information

Student Name	Pronouns

Student Number	Email (@mun.ca address)

Program of Study

2. What is your current legal status in Canada?

- ☐ Permanent resident
- ☐ International student
- ☐ Other (please specify):

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- ☐ Please indicate your country of **citizenship** (as listed on your passport):

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This information helps us ensure the program meets its intended goals and supports a diverse international student community.

3. Location Requirement Disclaimer

- ☐ I acknowledge that participation in this program requires my physical presence at the St. John's campus for the full duration of the program. Exceptions will only be made for students who are located at the Grenfell campus, the Labrador campus or on field studies.

- ☐ I understand that if it is determined at any point that I am not located at one of the approved locations for the full duration of the program, I may be removed from the program.

By checking the boxes above, I confirm that I will be present on one of the required locations.

4. Describe your graduate project: What problem are you trying to solve? (≤ 1500 characters)

- 5. Describe the potential users of your research outcomes: For whom are you trying to solve the problem? (≤ 1500 characters)**

6. Describe the commercialization potential of your research outcomes: Can your research outcomes be translated into a product or service? (≤ 1500 characters)

- 7. Describe how your career goals align with the objectives of the Research Mobilization Fellowship Program. In your response, highlight relevant leadership and professional experiences, including interdisciplinary, entrepreneurial, or other skills you hope to further develop through this opportunity. (≤ 1000 characters)**

- 8. Describe how your academic background and research interests align with the goals of the Research Mobilization Fellowship Program. Include an overview of your academic achievements and indicators of academic success, such as scholarships, awards, publications, conference presentations, or other relevant accomplishments. (≤ 1000 characters)**

- 9. Additional Comments: Use this space to provide any other comments you wish to share with your application: (≤ 500 characters)**

10. Supervisor Information:

Supervisor Name	Email (@mun.ca address)

11. Click the box below to confirm you understand the program requirements

- ☐ I confirm that I meet all eligibility criteria as outlined on page 1: Program Eligibility.

Required Signatures**Student Signature:**

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand all information, terms, and requirements set forth in this application. I certify that all information provided herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission may result in disqualification from the program or other appropriate action.

Name (printed)	Signature (digital signature is acceptable)

Supervisor Signature

By signing below, I confirm that I have reviewed the information provided in this application and understand the requirements of the program. I acknowledge the proposed project is appropriate for the program and am pleased to support the student's participation. I agree to provide the necessary guidance and oversight throughout the duration of the program.

Name (printed)	Signature (digital signature is acceptable)