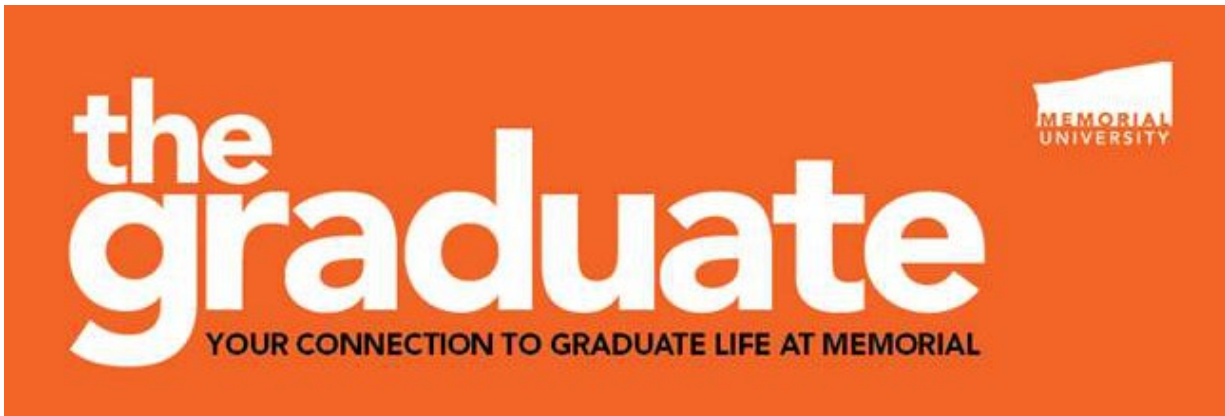


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FROM THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

To all of our graduate students, please remember that although we are physically distant, faculty and staff in the School of Graduate Studies, your academic units, and all service units at Memorial University are here to help you. We have created a [resources page](#) addressing health and wellness, academic continuity, funding/financial aid, and student supports as you study/research remotely. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your [graduate officer or graduate admin staff](#) or email sgs@mun.ca. Someone will get back to you right away.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Memorial to Remain Remote for Foreseeable Future

Memorial will remain in a primarily remote environment while Newfoundland and Labrador continues to manage the recent COVID-19 outbreak. Priority emphasis is on the health and safety of our campus community, supporting the academic integrity of the semester, approved research access and critical support of campus

infrastructure. At a point in the future, when it is safe to do so, Memorial will consider allowing groups to access campus based on supporting the university's areas of priority. More information about this process will be shared well in advance of any planned return. At this time, please remain at home as much as possible to support efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. If employees have questions on impacts to them individually, they should speak with their supervisor. Please continue to check the [Memorial COVID-19 website](#) for updates.

Campus Updates

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, the following changes have been made:

- Access to Memorial's campuses is restricted until further notice in response to the provincial public health declaration of [COVID-19 Alert Level 5](#). Please do not access campus facilities unless you have been identified to do so to deliver critical services or you have been approved to retrieve essential items. Please [see the Gazette for more information](#).
- The [MUN Bookstore](#) has temporarily shifted to online-only ordering. More information can be found on [their website](#).
- The following library services are suspended: contact-less pickup, on-campus study space and in-person research appointments with special collections. All remote library services remain available. Visit the [libraries website](#) for more information.
- All study spaces on St. John's campus and Marine Institute, including the Queen Elizabeth II Library, the Rotunda, Health Sciences Library, Education Library, the Marine Institute Library, and other study spaces at the Johnson Geo Centre, Indigenous Student Resource Centre and the Science Building are temporarily closed. More information can be found on the [Academic Success Centre](#) website.

Download COVID Alert App

Now more than ever, Memorial strongly encourages all members of our community, who are currently located in Canada, to download the Government of Canada's [COVID Alert](#) app, follow Public Health guidelines and reach out for support as needed. Anyone experiencing symptoms, even mild, of COVID-19 should use the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's [assessment tool](#) or contact 811.

Research Framework and On-Campus Activity

There are currently three levels (RED, YELLOW, GREEN) of increasing access to on-campus research spaces, fieldwork and face-to-face interactions with research participants. Each level represents a risk level ranging from low to very high risk associated with normal on-campus activity (the total teaching, research and administrative activity) and external conditions (e.g., public health directives) and internal conditions (e.g., cleaning capacity, feasibility for physical distancing, education and screening protocols, limitations on the operations of key research support units) that effect that extent to which on-campus research activities, fieldwork and face-to-face interactions with research participants can be undertaken. The Vice-President Research will assess the capacity for the St. John's campus to move

between activity levels with consideration to the level at which the province is operating. For the St. John's Campus, we are currently operating at the RED level. This [framework can be found online](#). Further information can also be found on the [Memorial University's Information Hub](#).

The COVID Emergency Bursary Fund

The COVID Emergency Bursary Fund assists full-time, undergraduate and graduate students on all campuses who have been impacted financially by unforeseen circumstances - such as the COVID-19 pandemic. For more info and eligibility criteria please [click here](#).

New Travel Requirements

Effective Feb. 22, 2021, international students must adhere to [new steps](#) implemented by the province, in addition to the current protocols, for arriving in Newfoundland. Please ensure to review all current [travel requirements](#) before planning your arrival at Memorial. If you have questions or concerns please email international@mun.ca with the subject heading "Self-Isolation" so your message can be properly directed. For more information please visit the [Memorial COVID-19 website](#).

Winter Weather

The transition to primarily remote delivery, and the vast number of students, faculty and staff working from home, means that the work and study of fewer members of our community will be impacted by adverse weather conditions that interfere with commuting to/from campus or working on campus. Students and instructors will be able to access their remote and online courses via Brightspace, and unless individual instructors advise their students otherwise, [all activities and deliverables will continue as scheduled](#).

Academic Integrity at Memorial University

Academic integrity is always held in the highest regard at Memorial University. It is important to remember that expectations regarding completion of all work with academic integrity remain unchanged. By adhering to our high standard of academic integrity, we protect the excellent reputation of our programs, credentials and institution. Are you unsure about what academic integrity really means? For more information please visit the [Memorial University Libraries' website](#). Students with questions are encouraged to reach out to their instructors and [graduate officers](#).

Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month, the School of Social Work's Equity & Diversity Committee will be hosting a virtual presentation titled, "Exploring the tensions between anti-black racism statements and the rejection of the authentic black body," presented by Dr. Delores Mullings, Interim Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs & Associate Professor, School of Social Work. For more information and to register please visit the [School of Social Work website](#).

Deadline Extended

[The Aging Research Centre-Newfoundland and Labrador \(ARC-NL\)](#) of Memorial University is thrilled to announce a new partnership with AGE-WELL. This partnership will see AGE-WELL co-fund eligible ARC-NL graduate fellowships valued at \$18,000 for master's students and \$24,000 for doctoral students. As a result of the new partnership, ARC-NL is extending the deadline for receipt of applications for the 2021 graduate fellowships. The new deadline for applications is Monday, March 8, at 4pm. Please note, students conducting research outside of AGE-WELL's mandate are still encouraged to apply for funding for a fellowship through ARC-NL by March 8. Check [here](#) for more information about the ARC-NL Graduate Fellowships.

Entrepreneurial Internships – Now Available

The Memorial Centre for Entrepreneurship (MCE) is happy to announce that Entrepreneurial Internships are now available for the Spring 2021 semester! The MCE will pay you \$4,500 for one semester to work on your business idea. You will have access to our co-working space, weekly mentorship, and check-in meetings, and you can apply for an additional \$2,500 to grow your business (pending funding availability). For one whole semester, you will be your own boss, make your own hours, and take a deep dive into entrepreneurship. Please note that this is a non-credit internship and the number of funded Entrepreneurial Internships are limited. Applications will be accepted until all the positions are filled. Find more information please [click here](#). If you have further questions, please reach out to mce@mun.ca or book a meeting [here](#).

President's Awards – Call for Nominations

Every year, Memorial recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions in research, teaching, service and public engagement with the President's Awards. Recipients of the awards are nominated by colleagues, students, and peers, and are chosen by selection committees. This year, the awards will be presented at a special ceremony in St. John's at the Emera Innovation Exchange, Signal Hill Campus on December 9, from 3:30-5pm. The event will also be live streamed.

Graduate students are encouraged to nominate a graduate supervisor for the President's Award for Outstanding Graduate and Postgraduate Supervision. Recipients of this award demonstrate exemplary supervisory behaviours and serve as outstanding role models for other supervisors to emulate. For more information on the awards, nominations, and deadline dates, please visit the [President's Awards webpage](#).

Fall 2021 Student Residences Applications - Now Open

While we are unsure of what the Fall 2021 semester will look like, we are hopeful that Student Residences will be fully open at that time. Applications for Student Residences for the Fall 2021 semester are open and [available here](#). Due to the continued uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, there will be no application, room confirmation or cancellation fees associated with the fall semester, making your

application for residences risk-free. For the most up to date information please refer to the [Memorial Residences website](#).

SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Remote Learning Guide for Graduate Students

In 2020, a team of graduate students worked together to develop a remote learning guide for graduate students that addresses ways you might foster wellness, access community resources, optimize your remote learning experience, manage your finances, and use Webex as a collaboration tool. To access the guide, please visit the [School of Graduate Studies' website](#).

Academic Success Centre

Memorial has just launched the [Academic Success Centre](#) – your hub for information, tools, programs and events that will help you succeed in your learning. Whether you're an undergraduate or graduate student studying on campus, online or remotely, find the support, tips and tools you need to succeed no matter where you are on your learning journey.

Brightspace Notifications

Be sure not to miss any course activities or updates by setting up Brightspace notifications. Need a reminder for an assignment or quiz due date? Want to know when your grade is updated? [Customize your notifications](#) to choose which Brightspace alerts you'd like to receive and how (by email or text message). Have a Brightspace question? Contact the [CITL Support Centre](#) for assistance, available seven days a week.

MUN Libraries Support

Are you working on research assignments this term? MUN Libraries provides a variety of [online resources](#) to help guide you through the research process in the current remote teaching and learning environment.

The Commons

From formatting papers in Word, to taking professional headshots at home, to designing your own video game, The Commons is offering free, virtual workshops throughout the Winter. [Register here](#). Their staff are also available for virtual, one-on-one tutorials in a variety of software, from Excel to Photoshop. Email commons@mun.ca to set up an appointment.

Mental Health Resources

Individuals with urgent mental health concerns should contact the 24-hour mental health crisis line: (709) 737-4668 (St. John's) or 1-888-737-4668 (province-wide). For other concerns, students should contact the Student Wellness and Counselling

Centre. The SWCC remains open and staff are providing services to students via telephone and virtual sessions.

Student Wellness and Counselling

Nothing is more important to us than your health and wellness. Memorial's Student Wellness and Counselling Centre (SWCC) and School of Graduate Studies have partnered to offer dedicated counseling supports for graduate students. To book an appointment with SWCC's counsellor for graduate students, please email complete the [SWCC request counselling form](#). You will be asked to login in to MyMun account and the form will be located at the bottom of the page. Appointments are normally scheduled within 2 business days and are offered via Webex.

Writing Centre's Online Service

The Writing Centre is pleased to offer an online services. For more information about online services, please visit the [Writing Centre's website](#) or email writing@mun.ca.

Student Writing Groups

The Nexus Centre is hosting online Student Writing Groups every Friday from 1-3pm. For more information or to register, please visit The Nexus Centre's [Workshops webpage](#).

Computer Lab Access

The computer lab in the Engineering and Applied Science Building (EN-3000) has reopen for students who do not have personal computer access for remote learning. For more information and to request access please visit the [MUNUP website](#).

Computer Support and Repair Services

Memorial's Department of Technical Services and the School of Graduate Studies have partnered to offer [computer support and repair services for graduate students](#) (personal devices such as laptops, monitors, hard drives, etc.) at the internal rate of \$25/hour. To qualify for this rate, graduate students will have to submit [a confirmation of enrolment letter](#) at the time service is requested. For more information or to request a quote, please email: computerrepair@mun.ca.

Memorial University Software and Apps

Memorial University provides a number of apps to improve your campus experience. Please visit [Memorial's Apps Store](#) for more details and to download. The Office of CIO also provides students and employees with the option to download software for free on their personal devices. View the list of free software at [Software for YOU](#).

Accessibility Services

The Blundon Centre (Accessibility Services) is open and available for graduate students. All accessibility staff are working remotely and are available to speak with any graduate student to explore priorities related to academic accommodations or

any accessibility related concerns. Please visit the Blundon Centre [calendar of events](#) for workshops and sessions. For more information or if you have further questions please contact blundon@mun.ca.

Student Volunteer Bureau

The Student Volunteer Bureau has a wealth of remote volunteer and professional development opportunities available. Visit the [Student Volunteer Bureau website](#) to learn about how you can stay involved while staying home!

Internationalization Office (IO)

The Internationalization Office continues to provide supports to you remotely. This means email and other social media platforms including FB messenger, Skype and Zoom. [Book an immigration](#) advising appointment on the Navigate app or by emailing aabu@mun.ca. For all other questions please email international@mun.ca and an advisor will respond to you as soon as possible.

DEADLINE DATES

February 22 to February 26, Monday to Friday

- Winter semester break at St. John's and Grenfell Campuses

March 1, 2021, Monday

- Final date for departments to submit Recommendation for Award of Degree in order for graduate students to receive a 50% refund of continuance fees, Winter semester
- Lectures resume at St. John's and Grenfell Campuses

March 8, 2021, Monday

- Last date for undergraduate and graduate students to drop courses without academic prejudice, Winter semester

March 22, 2021, Monday

- Final date for Departments to submit Recommendation for Award of Degree in order for graduate students to receive a 25% refund of continuance fees, Winter semester
- Registration begins for eligible students registering in undergraduate courses, Spring semester (14-week courses, Intersession and Summer session) 2021

March 27, 2021, Saturday

- Lectures will follow the Friday schedule for this day

For a list of all dates and deadlines, please visit the [University Diary](#).

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Project Management (Hosted by Mitacs)

This workshop delivers a balance of “core” project management knowledge and skills. These are blended with practical learning on key interpersonal skills essential to successful achieve project goals. It is also aligned with the most recent proposed Project Management Institute (PMI) body of knowledge (PMBOK), the most recognized approach to project management.

Dates and Times: Wednesday - Thursday, February 24-25, 9:30am-5:30pm NST

Mode: Online

[REGISTER](#)

Three Key Areas to Achieve Great Career Success

Would you like to learn how to become more successful in your career? In this workshop, offered as part of #MUNCareerWeek, we will explore the three most important but often overlooked areas for career success. This session will provide you with tons of practical tools and techniques that you can start using today to increase your chances to succeed.

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 2, 12-1:30pm NST/8:30-10am MST

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Judit Lovas](#), Career Success Coach, [Judit Lovas Coaching and Consulting](#)

[REGISTER](#)

CV Essentials

What are the qualities of a good CV and what is its purpose? A CV is an archive of your academic history that is used in different ways by different people throughout your academic career. Learn about the critical aspects of developing and enhancing your academic CV by:

- Incorporating Data – The CV is a database as well as your personal archive. Referees analyze the ‘data’ in your CV to craft individualized and specific reference letters.
- Focusing on the individual – Your CV is unique to you, and your position in your career. It’s important not to compare with others when critiquing your own CV.
- Growing a Living Document – Different aspects of your CV can shine for

specific opportunities, and by reviewing your CV for each new opportunity you can customize your CV for maximum impact.

Date and Time: Thursday, March 4, 1-2pm NST/9:30-10:30am MST

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Meghan Burchell](#), Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology
[REGISTER](#)

Practice Your Presentation Skills (Hosted by Mitacs)

This workshop creates opportunities for participants to build and practice their presentation skills by applying course concepts through a series of short presentation practices while receiving in-person peer and expert feedback.

Date and Time: Friday, March 5, 9am-5pm NST

Mode: Online

[REGISTER](#)

From Proposal to Poster: An Introduction to Academic Posters

What makes a good academic poster? How do you turn an entire thesis into a visual 750-word display? Can a proposal be a poster? What font size? What colours? In this workshop, we'll discuss tools available for making academic posters, as well as some do's and don'ts for poster design. This workshop will focus on inter-disciplinary posters, design basics, expectations, accessibility and innovation in student poster dissemination. It will also discuss ways to engage your audience as you walk them through your research.

Date and Time: Thursday, March 25, 1-2pm NST/9:30-10:30am MST

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Meghan Burchell](#), Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology
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For more professional development opportunities for graduate students, please visit the [EDGE website](#).

CAMPUS NEWS

Pushing boundaries

Biochemistry PhD graduate takes regional 3MT competition. [Read more.](#)

'Whole new world'

Graduate student receives scholarship for childhood cancer research. [Read more.](#)

Planning for winter weather

Information about winter 2021 weather-related closures. [Read more.](#)

Continuing to climb

Enrolments up again at Memorial after record-breaking fall. [Read more.](#)

New graduate programs site

Grenfell Campus, which introduced its first graduate program just nine years ago, is growing fast! [Read more.](#)

'Natural partnership'

Business faculty joins global network focused on responsible research. [Read more.](#)

National conversation

Virtual panel on International Day of Women and Girls in Science. [Read more.](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate student Juliana talks about nearing the completion of her PhD program, and discusses how it's okay to not have a set plan post-graduation. She encourages fellow students to believe in yourselves and trust your decisions. Read more of Juliana and our other bloggers' posts on the [Graduate Student Blog](#).

Graduate Student Success

Some people know from a very young age what they're meant to do with their lives. Modeline Longjohn is one of those people. For her, life is about channeling her insatiable curiosity into a career that challenges her while changing the world. She wants to dedicate her time, energy and passion to a cause that will leave a lasting impact on the world well after she's gone. It's an ambitious goal, but one that she feels is worth striving for. [Read more.](#)