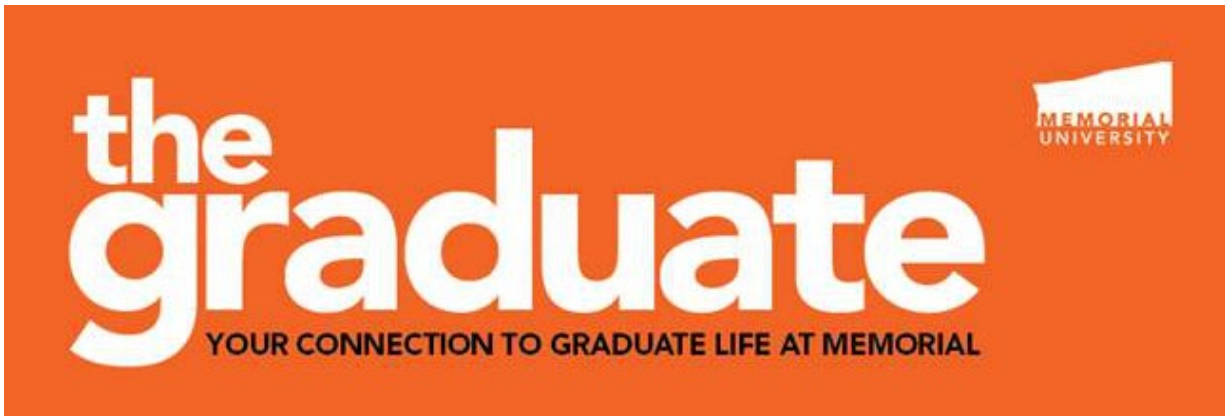


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FROM THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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

COVID-19 UPDATES AND INFORMATION

COVID-19 alert scale

Memorial's St. John's and Signal Hill campuses are currently classified as "[low](#)" risk, indicating on-campus access is only available for approved critical continuity activities. Grenfell Campus is currently operating at "[low](#)" risk and will be issuing an

update to its campus community shortly about its operations and activities. Marine Institute has different controls in place and this scale does not apply to their operations and locations.

Download COVID Alert App

Memorial continues to encourage faculty, staff and students to voluntarily download the [COVID Alert](#) app to help protect yourself and others. The COVID Alert app helps prevent the spread of the COVID-19. The app is designed to let Canadians know whether they may have been exposed to the virus. A link to the app is available in MUN Safe. More information is available [here](#).

Research update

Dr. Neil Bose, vice-president (research), has announced for the St. John's campus an expansion of access to on-campus research spaces, resumption of more low-risk fieldwork, as well as resumption of low-risk research involving interactions with research participants. Researchers at Grenfell Campus and the Marine Institute Campus should contact their research offices to confirm processes for those campuses. [Read more here](#).

Self-Isolation Update

New or returning students should refer to the [arrivals website](#) for the most up-to date information for self-isolation at Memorial University. Please ensure to review all current [federal](#) and [provincial](#) travel requirements before planning your arrival at Memorial. If you have questions or concerns please email selfisolation@mun.ca or selfisolation@grenfell.mun.ca. For more information, please visit the [Memorial COVID-19 website](#).

Computer lab access for students – St. John's campus

The computer lab spaces of EN-3000 in the Engineering and Applied Science Building and the QEII Library Rotunda are now open for students who do not have access to their own computer. EN-3000 is open between 8am-8pm on weekdays and 8am-6pm on weekends, and the QEII Library Rotunda is open between 9am-9pm Monday to Saturday. The space in EN-3000 must be [booked online](#), and space in the Rotunda must be [booked online](#) as well, both at least 24 hours in advance. Printing is not available in either location. Both buildings will remain under restricted access so students will not be granted card access unless they book online.

SPRING SEMESTER INFORMATION

Spring 2021 Graduate Registration

Registration for all graduate students for Spring 2021 opens on April 12, 2021 and closes on May 24, 2021. The deadline for fees payment for Spring 2021 is May 10, 2021. The last date to request a deferral of an admission offer for Spring 2021 is May 31, 2021. Once registration opens, please remember to register through Self-Service.

Student Fees for Spring 2021

Memorial's Board of Regents has approved the [suspension of two student fees for the Spring 2021 semester](#). Memorial students will not be charged the Distance Education Administration Fee and Recreation Fee for the Spring 2021 semester.

Spring Convocation Virtual Event

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Memorial is postponing the spring 2021 convocation ceremonies for St. John's and Corner Brook. However, students who have applied to graduate this spring and have met all the university's requirements will be awarded their degrees, certificates and diplomas on May 19, 2021, and be sent them by mail shortly afterwards. Spring 2021 grads will be invited to cross the stage at a convocation ceremony at a later date, after public health restrictions are lifted and large in-person gatherings are permitted. So while there will be no convocation ceremonies this spring, on Thursday, June 3, Memorial will host Hats Off!, a special virtual event designed to celebrate the spring class of 2021. This fun event will be a unique salute to new grads, welcoming them into the Memorial University alumni family. More details, including special guest performers, will be available in the coming weeks at www.mun.ca/convocation/celebration.

Income Tax Program

Tax information, videos and a "Frequently Asked Questions" section is available on the [Internationalization Office website](#). One-on-one tax assistance is available if you have a specific tax query or concern. In order to schedule a meeting, please email: kschokshi@mun.ca. We are also organizing Tax workshops to help international students with their taxes in April. These workshops will give you a chance to understand the basics of the Canadian tax system & walk you through tax filing (using Ufile software) so you can feel confident about doing your own taxes. Workshops are offered on the following days and times:

- April 11th: 5 PM (NL Time)
- April 18th: 5 PM (NL Time)
- April 25th: 5 PM (NL Time)

Please register for a workshop through this [link](#).

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

Fall semester update

This past Friday, Dr. Mark Abrahams, provost and vice-president (academic) *pro tempore*, provided an update for students on planning for the fall 2021 semester. In Dr. Abrahams' words, "We are optimistic for the next year, and expect to be on campus and in-person for university activities in September." We can't wait to welcome you to campus! [Learn more here](#).

Your health first

Memorial is continually assessing the public health environment and will make any needed adjustments to the fall semester based on public health requirements. Fall 2021 semester experience will look different as Memorial follows the public health requirements which could include the use of non-medical face masks, physical

distancing and other public health measures. More information will be shared when it becomes available.

Fall 2021 Student Residences Application – 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](#).

OTHER GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

ARC-NL Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunity

The Aging Research Centre – Newfoundland and Labrador (ARC-NL) is now inviting Postdoctoral Fellowship: Aging in Newfoundland and Labrador. This is a two-year, fully funded postdoctoral fellowship to investigate topics related to older adults in Newfoundland and Labrador. While the research question is open, it should be related to one of the following issues within a Newfoundland and Labrador context: aging in place, age-friendly community, labour force participation among older adults, socio-economics of aging, social isolation, rurality, technology used by older adults, elder abuse, or aging in indigenous populations. Previous research experience in any of these areas would be considered an asset.

The salary is \$45,000/year plus benefits and there is a possibility of term being renewed after the two years. The position is for an initial term of two years, with the possibility of renewal. This competition will remain open until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin on April 17, 2021. More information on this great opportunity can be found [here](#).

Teaching and Learning Conference 2021: Registration Open

Registration is open for Memorial's Teaching and Learning Conference 2021, which will take place virtually on Apr. 28-29. This year's theme, Getting to the Heart of Learning, will focus on better understanding how to develop meaningful connections amongst learners and educators, and the impact these connections make individually and collectively. Educators, researchers, staff, students and alumni are invited to attend. For all information related to Memorial's Teaching and Learning Conference 2021 including keynote speakers, program at a glance, and how to participate, visit the [conference website](#).

Terra Nova Young Innovator Award

The Terra Nova Young Innovator Award recognizes and supports outstanding young faculty members whose research is particularly innovative and whose specific research proposal has real potential for a significant impact on society. The [Terra Nova Young Innovator Award](#), valued at up to \$50,000, recognizes emerging faculty

members whose research is particularly innovative and whose specific proposal has real potential to make a significant impact on society. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3. [Learn more here](#).

Your Input Is Important; Take The Maclean's Survey Today

Memorial University is encouraging students to rate their experience in the Maclean's 2021 national university survey. Every year, Maclean's invites university students across Canada to weigh in on their university experience. The data obtained helps students and parents make decisions about their post-secondary choices, and also helps universities improve the quality of the student experience.

Students are asked to indicate their satisfaction on a number of factors – including the quality of course instructions, experiential learning, mental health services, sexual violence prevention and services related to academic advising, student life and residences. Student responses help Maclean's editors determine the final results in the magazine's annual University Rankings, which come out in the fall. The confidential survey [can be accessed here](#). Fill it out today for your chance to win a \$500 VISA gift card!

Grenfell Graduate Students: Track Your Volunteering and Experiential Learning!

Grenfell Campus has just launched a brand new Co-Curricular Record (CCR) program! A CCR is an official record of activities that students participate in that complements their academic transcript. A CCR allows students to track their skills and learning experiences outside of the classroom. Such experiences provide students with transferable skills while engaging with communities at Grenfell, in Corner Brook, in Western Newfoundland and beyond. Learn more [here](#).

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 service. For more information about online services, please visit the [Writing Centre's website](#) or email writing@mun.ca.

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.

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The Good and the Bad of Black Grad – CAGC's New Webinar Series

New webinar series by CAGS offered in 2021. Crisis and disruptions in 2020 expose and highlight systemic racism worldwide. Canadian universities were no exempt from this reckoning. At this particular moment in time, higher education institutions across Canada are poised to critically (re-)assess their anti-racism strategies. This is a five-part webinar series aimed to create a space for dialogue that encourages Black academics to share their stories and experiences. This webinar is hosted by Evelyn Asiedu who published an [article](#) which speaks on her experience as a Black female graduate student. For more information please see [here](#).

DEADLINE DATES

April 9, 2021, Friday

- Lectures end, Winter semester

April 12, 2021, Monday

- Registration begins for graduate students, Spring semester (14-week courses, Intersession and Summer session) 2021

April 14, 2021, Wednesday

- Examination begins, Winter semester

April 23, 2021, Friday

- Examination end, Winter semester

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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Documenting Your Teaching (for Academic Job Applications)

Institutions seeking to fill an academic position often require applicants to submit documentation describing their teaching. In this session, graduate students will receive advice about what documents to prepare and what evidence to collect to describe their teaching responsibility, goals, approaches, and effectiveness for potential employers.

Date and Time: Thursday, April 8, 1-2pm NT/9:30-10:30am MT

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Allyson MacNeill](#), Instructional Design Specialist, Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL)

[REGISTER](#)

Get a Head Start: Tips for the Canadian Common CV (CCV)

The Canadian Common CV (CCV) is required for all students who wish to apply for funding from SSHRC, CIHR and NSERC. It's also required for all faculty and post-doctoral researchers who are applying for funding from the tri-council agencies. This workshop is designed for graduate students to help navigate the CCV system and to understand what are the most critical pieces of information that should be included. The workshop will also discuss how elements of the CCV are evaluated by review committees. The CCV is a time consuming process - start early and learn how to turn your CV into the CCV to apply for funding.

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 14, 1-2pm NT/9:30-10:30am MT

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Meghan Burchell](#), Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology
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Tips for a Successful Mid-Career Change

Transitioning into a new career can certainly come with extra challenges, but it isn't always a bad idea. Control and empowerment come from not being afraid of trying something new. A career pivot could also be a great move to ensure your future happiness and success in the workforce!

In this workshop, we'll discuss the most important aspects to consider when changing your career. We'll review the best practices to land your dream job, and you'll be provided with the tools and techniques you need to create great career success for yourself.

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 20, 1-2:30pm NT/9:30-11am MT

Mode: Online

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

[REGISTER](#)

Going Virtual: Networking and Adapting to the World of Online Conferences

The world has changed quite a bit in the last year. The way we work is now different, as well the manner we interact with different people, communicate, and go to conferences! In this session, we will talk about the "World of Online Conferences", and will offer advice, tips, and tricks to students on how to adapt to this new way of networking, connecting, and sharing your research.

Date and Time: Thursday, April 22, 2021, 1-2pm NT/9:30-10:30am MT

Mode: Online

Presenters: [Juliana Vidal](#), PhD Candidate and [Dr. Lindsay Cahill](#), Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry

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For more professional development opportunities for graduate students, please visit the [EDGE website](#).

CAMPUS NEWS

Making the cut

Geography alumnus finalist for inaugural scholarships. [Read more](#).

Critical Continuity

Vice-president (research) enabling some additional on-campus research activities. [Read more](#).

Leadership change

Dr. Jeff Keshen to become president of URegina; Memorial to recruit new VP Grenfell

Campus. [Read more.](#)

Honouring a legacy

Donation to support N.L. military, naval and maritime history research. [Read more.](#)

Critical Mass

More than \$6.7-million investment in facility to address modern environmental challenges [Read more.](#)

Ocean Watch

Marine Institute launches underwater ocean observatory in Conception Bay. [Read more.](#)

Careful Planning

Expansion of some on-campus research activities, resumption of some fieldwork. [Read more.](#)

'Unanimous choice'

Memorial University appoints provost and vice-president (academic). [Read more.](#)

'Wildly interdisciplinary'

Memorial announces vice-president (Grenfell Campus) pro tempore. [Read more.](#)

'One step closer'

Genetics expert awarded more than \$970,000 to investigate osteoarthritis. [Read more.](#)

Gold star finish

Nurse practitioner program scores top marks, earns full seven-year approval. [Read more.](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate student Isabel discusses her struggle with personal and professional success. She mentions a variety of resources available at Memorial which have helped her reach the next step on her path towards achieving her goals. Read more of Isabel and our other bloggers' posts on the [Graduate Student Blog.](#)