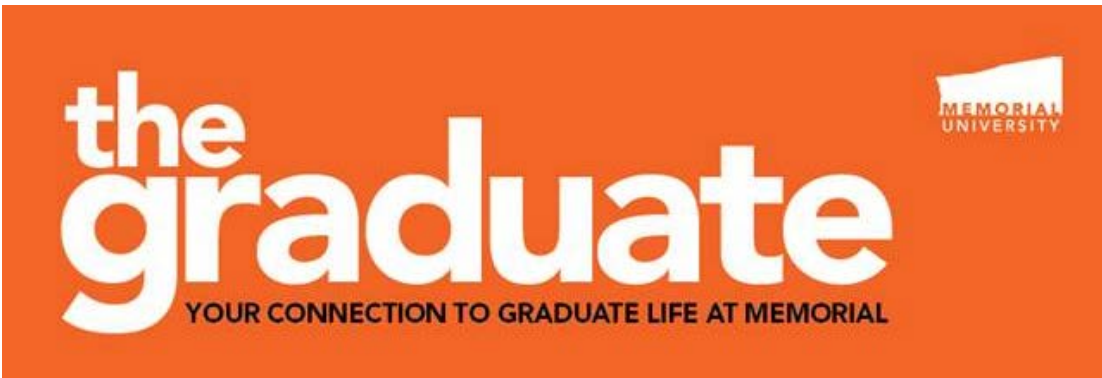


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CONTACT US

Faculty and staff in the School of Graduate Studies are working remotely, and all areas are active including admissions, registrations, fellowships, scholarships and awards, student advising, research examinations, and graduation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your [graduate officer](#) or [graduate administration staff](#). You can also email sgs@mun.ca and we will respond within one business day. If your matter is urgent, please email akim@mun.ca. You will receive an immediate response.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

COVID-19

Memorial has created a webpage to share accurate information about COVID-19 and the university's response. This page will be updated regularly: <https://www.mun.ca/covid19/>.

Guide to Financial Supports and Programs

Student Life has created a comprehensive Guide to Financial Supports and Employment Programs. The guide is an overview of resources that have been developed and made available to members of the Memorial University community in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. This is a dynamic document that will be continually reviewed and updated. The guide can be accessed:

http://www.mun.ca/student/Benefits_and_Supports_Document.pdf.

Statistics Canada survey

Your thoughts on how you have managed through this global pandemic as a post-secondary student are important to helping us plan for the future. We encourage all students to complete this Statistics Canada survey by the May 1 deadline. Participate online: [ow.ly/p7Fb50zhyyU](https://www2018.statcan.gc.ca/survey/online).

St. John's campus parking renewals

As a reminder, in light of the ongoing situation with COVID-19, faculty and staff 2020/2021 renewals will be delayed, and parking permits will be extended for the St. John's campus. Memorial will provide an update on dates for parking renewals when business operations return to normal. For more information, please visit <http://www.mun.ca/cep/parking>.

Medical Insurance

Graduate students and families are strongly encouraged to obtain proper medical insurance coverage on an on-going basis. At a time of uncertainty, you want to ensure you and your family are covered in case of a medical situation or emergency.

For information regarding eligibility for coverage under the provincial Medical Care Plan (MCP) for NL residents, and to apply, please visit:

https://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/mcp_applications.html. If students are covered under Foreign Health Insurance and have further questions regarding their coverage, please contact the Internationalization Office: www.mun.ca/international. For information regarding GSU Health Insurance, please visit: <https://www.gsumun.ca/health-dental-plan>.

To view the specific health insurance components of MCP, GSU, and Foreign Health, please view the Internationalization Office's health insurance FAQ:

<https://www.mun.ca/international/programming/healthinsurance/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.php>.

Emergency Relief

Funds are in place to support the spectrum of stressful situations for students, including the SGS Graduate Student Emergency Fund available to graduate students on any of Memorial's campuses. For more information or to apply, please visit: <https://gazette.mun.ca/campus-and-community/emergency-relief>.

Spring semester

Registration for graduate students will begin Monday, April 27, 2020. Updated registration times will be sent to students via their @mun.ca email address and will also be viewable in Memorial Self-Service.

Memorial's spring semester, including intersession and summer session, will continue with remote instruction of all courses at all campuses of Memorial University. This means in-person on-campus courses will not resume before September 2020.

Semester start and end dates will remain the same. Students will be informed via their @mun.ca email of their new registration time when it has been assigned.

The Marine Institute will communicate directly to its students any changes to its technical session, summer semester and work terms. As updates become available, they will be posted to www.mi.mun.ca/COVID19.

Spring semester: support for remote teaching and learning

In advance of the 2020 spring semester, and in response to the need to transition face-to-face courses to remote delivery, the [Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning](#) (CITL) has three ways to provide academic units, instructors and students with information and support. These include academic support representatives for academic units; just-in-time support for individual instructors; and web resources for both instructors and students. For more information please visit: <https://citl.mun.ca/TeachingSupport/instructionalcontinuity/>.

Spring 2020 fees

Memorial students will not be charged to pay the Distance Education Administration Fee and Recreation Fee for the upcoming spring semester.

The Distance Education Administration Fee is normally applied only to those taking online courses. Because all teaching and learning is taking place remotely and in a variety of different ways, this fee is waived for spring semester for all students.

With students unable to access the recreational facilities because of the closure of The Works, the Recreation Fee will not be charged for the spring semester.

Please note, the Campus Renewal Fee, Student Services Fee and Graduate Continuance Fee will continue. These fees help cover critical infrastructure and student services costs that continue to be incurred.

For more information please visit: <https://www.mun.ca/covid19/news.php?id=13207&type=news>.

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

The Canadian Government has released a new benefit, the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). For detailed information regarding the CERB please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application/questions.html>. Students can assess their eligibility and apply online here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has also compiled an excellent guide (including eligibility requirements, date available, and application instructions) to federal and provincial benefits for people affected by COVID-19, please see here: <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/coronavirusbenefits/>.

Graduate student payroll deduction – spring 2020

Each semester, graduate students have the option of requesting tuition to be paid automatically through payroll deduction. This request for automatic deduction must be completed each semester through the student's MUN Self Service account.

Once the spring registration date is confirmed you can request payroll deductions online by visiting: www5.mun.ca/admit/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin. Select "Graduate Student Payroll Deduction Request", which can be found under the "Employee Services" tab.

If you have questions or concerns about your funding, please email sgs@mun.ca.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Best Practices for Video Conferencing

The Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL) has developed best practices to consider when connecting to a video conference service:

<https://citl.mun.ca/technologies/videoconferencing.php>.

Student Volunteer Bureau

The Student Volunteer Bureau has a wealth of remote volunteer and professional development opportunities available. Visit www.mun.ca/volunteer to learn about how you can stay involved while staying home!

Resources for graduate students

SGS has created a resource page addressing health and wellness, academic continuity, funding/financial aid, and student supports as your study/research remotely:

<https://www.mun.ca/sgs/current/resources.php>.

Video messages from the Dean

Every day, Dr. Aimée Surprenant, Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Dean, School of Graduate Studies provides a video update for all graduate students, as well as great advice for coping with the uncertainty of COVID-19. You can watch all videos here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpdPIxhRWwJEv0ruFFgPQ3A/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf_id=0.

Research and writing

Dr. Cecile Badenhorst has compiled a variety of useful research and writing videos for research/thesis based graduate students, please see here:

http://www.mun.ca/sgs/Videos_research_thesis_writing.pdf.

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre is currently offering online tutoring sessions for students. You can submit your work online which will be reviewed by an online tutor within two business days. For more information on online tutoring, please visit:

<https://www.mun.ca/writingcentre/services/distance/index.php>.

For a complete list of all Writing Centre resources, please visit:

<https://www.mun.ca/writingcentre/resources/>.

Student Wellness and Counselling Centre Services

The Student Wellness and Counselling Centre continues to remain open and staff are providing services to students via telephone and virtual sessions, with the exception of some physician and nurse appointments. For full details and to book an appointment, please visit:

<https://www.mun.ca/covid19/students/student-health-wellness.php>.

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.

REMOTE LEARNING

Getting the most out of your eLearning course

Christopher Pappas, of eLearning Industry, provides study tips for online learners:

<https://elearningindustry.com/10-study-tips-for-online-learners-getting-the-most-out-of-your-elearning-course>.

Top tips for adapting to remote learning

The University of Oxford offers recommendations to help students adapt to remote learning:

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/news/2020-04-03-top-tips-adapting-remote-learning>.

8 tips for effective online learning

Linlin Xia, of Coursera Blog, provides eight go-to study tips for learning online:

<https://blog.coursera.org/8-tips-for-effective-online-learning/>.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

How to stay comfortable and prevent injury when working from home

The University of British Columbia provides advice on how people can bring ergonomics into their homes:

<https://news.ubc.ca/2020/04/07/how-to-stay-comfortable-and-prevent-injury-when-working-from-home/>.

How to cope with headline stress

Geoff McMaster, of folio, summarizes expert advice on how to stay informed without feeling overwhelmed:

<https://www.folio.ca/how-to-cope-with-headline-stress/>.

The Working Mind COVID-19 Self-care & Resilience Guide

The Mental Health Commission of Canada has developed a Mental Health First Aid COVID-19 Self-Care & Resilience Guide. The guide provides self-health tips, outlines a resilience plan,

and provides links to valuable resources: https://www.mhfa.ca/sites/default/files/mhfa_self-care-resilience-guide.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0M79aZVFqBG99vzl4a7i73XjqEC-t6YtUZWaZ0o_7yzRuyJbjXwS8jp6k

https://www.mhfa.ca/sites/default/files/mhfa_self-care-resilience-guide.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0M79aZVFqBG99vzl4a7i73XjqEC-t6YtUZWaZ0o_7yzRuyJbjXwS8jp6k

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Intellectual Property (IP) 101

This session will provide an introduction to Intellectual Property (IP) and Memorial's Technology, Transfer and Commercialization team. It will cover the basics of IP, delving into copyright, trade secrets, trademarks and patents which are all different methods of IP protection that are utilized at Memorial. Finally, the session reviews IP ownership, inventorship and the disclosure process. This overview will help attendees understand when to engage with the team, important IP considerations for students, and how we can help move ideas toward commercial opportunities.

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 5, 11am - 12pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenters: [Dr. Paula Mendonça](#), Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and [Kara Strickland](#), Intellectual Property Officer, Technology Transfer and Commercialization Office
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Creating your LinkedIn Profile

LinkedIn is the world's largest professional social media platform and is a very effective networking tool. Join us to learn tips to help ensure you're using LinkedIn to it's full potential.

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 6, 1 - 2pm NST

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Julie Kavanagh](#), Manager (Acting), Career Development

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Overcoming Obstacles In Your Job Search with Informational Interviewing

In every job search, challenges and questions arise, such as: What can I do with my degree? What type of job am I qualified for? Where can I find job postings that fit my skills, interests, and values? Attend this session to learn how a powerful approach called informational interviewing can help you overcome obstacles in your job search and build a network of support.

Date and Time: Thursday, May 7, 1 - 2pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Dr. Anne Poduska](#), Career Consultant

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Exploring Career Assessment Tools

Are you looking to explore career options that directly align with your interests and strengths? Learn about a variety of online tools/resources available to support you through this self-reflection process.

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 13, 1 - 2pm NST

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Claire LeDrew](#), Career Advisor, Career Development

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Using LinkedIn Effectively: An Interactive Workshop

In this interactive online session, you will try out strategies to make the most of your LinkedIn account, whether it's building up your network, finding people or organizations, or setting up job alerts.

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 19, 1 - 2pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Dr. Anne Poduska](#), Career Consultant

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Mitacs Foundations of Project Management I

This 2-day course provides an experiential, collaborative learning experience to enable participants to integrate the principles of project management, team building, group dynamics and leadership that participants can apply immediately and in their future careers and lives. Participants experience the processes of collaborative planning and management and can see the benefits firsthand.

Date and Time: Wednesday & Thursday, May 20 & 21, 9am - 5pm

Mode: Online (via Zoom)

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Five Ways Open-Source Software can Benefit You and Your Research

Did you know that open-source software can expand the scope of your research? Do you think that it demands a high level of commitment you can't deliver? This workshop will introduce you to open-source software and give you guidelines to help you get started. This is an excellent opportunity if you are interested in learning more about open-source software or if you are thinking of integrating it into your research. Note: Programming skills are not required for this workshop.

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 27, 1 - 2pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Oihane Cereceda](#), PhD Computer Engineering, Memorial University Alumna and Software Carpentry Instructor

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

CAMPUS NEWS

Status of fall 2020 semester

Memorial University is actively considering scenarios for innovative program delivery for the fall 2020 semester. We are committed to providing students with full access to our quality academic programs, despite the challenges that may come: <https://gazette.mun.ca/teaching-and-learning/status-of-fall-2020-semester/>.

Northern advocate

Christina Goldhar, an award-winning PhD student and Memorial alumna, is among a select group of researchers chosen to receive lucrative three-year scholarships from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation: <https://gazette.mun.ca/research/northern-advocate/>.

Made right here

Local 3D-printing company PolyUnity, which got its start at Memorial's Faculty of Medicine, is helping to alleviate the personal protective equipment (PPE) shortage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic by making its own: <https://gazette.mun.ca/public-engagement/made-right-here-2/>.