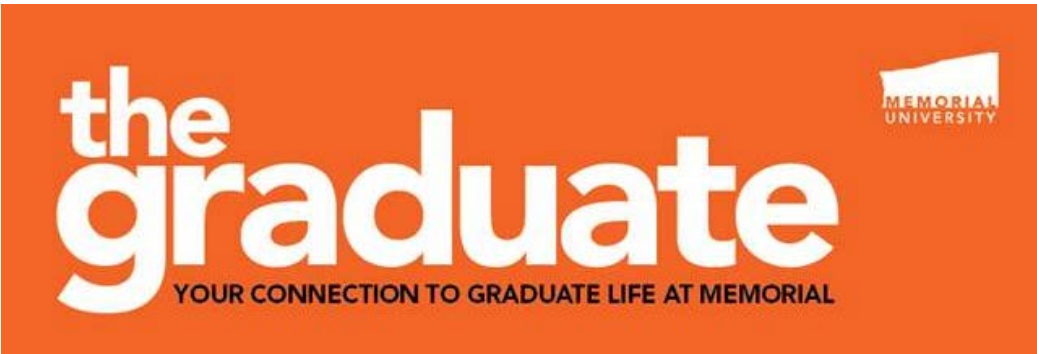


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CONTACT US

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 admin 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

NEW

Gazette opportunity

Want to be featured in the Gazette? Let us know how you're finding the shift to remote studies, how you're connecting with peers, & any advice you have for self-care. Write a short paragraph or record a short (1-2 minute) video and send it, along with a picture of you "learning remotely" to ashley.hurley@mun.ca by Friday, May 8.

Memorial University Graduate Student Town Hall

All graduate students at Memorial University are invited to an online Town Hall discussion hosted by Dr. Aimée Surprenant, Associate Vice-President Academic and Dean of Graduate Studies on Friday, May 8, from 2-3pm. We'd like to hear from you and about your experiences over the past month. We're also interested to know how we can better support you at this time with your graduate programs. Faculty and staff will also be present to answer any questions you might have. For more

information and to register please visit: <https://event-wizard.com/sgsgsmay820/0/register/>. If you cannot attend the Town Hall but have immediate questions we can help you with, please don't hesitate to email us at sgs@mun.ca.

Diversity and inclusion webinars

Members of the Memorial University community can avail of free diversity and inclusion webinars offered by the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion until the end of May. To access the sessions and to register, please visit the calendar of events: <https://ccdi.ca/event-calendar/>. When registering, you will need to click "Please click here to register as an Employer Partner" and indicate that you are an invited guest by Tina Hickey. For more information, please contact Tina Hickey, employment equity officer, Department of Human Resources at hickeyt@mun.ca.

Memorial University Libraries' Open Access Author Fund

Memorial University Libraries will be accepting applications for its Open Access Author Fund as of May 11, 2020. This fund was established to help pay author processing charges for Memorial University researchers who wish to publish their work in Open Access Journals. The fund is disbursed on a first come, first served basis. To apply, fill out the online application form: <http://www.library.mun.ca/forms/oafund/>. For full funding criteria, please visit the Open Access Author Fund library guide: <http://guides.library.mun.ca/openaccess/oafund>. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Gamsby at pgamsby@mun.ca.

REMINDERS

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.

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: 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

NEW

Doing fieldwork in a pandemic guide

Deborah Lupton has developed a free crowd-sourced document for students who would normally be conducting fieldwork. The document can be accessed via Google Docs:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cIGjGABB2h2qbduTgfqribHmog9B6P0NvMgVuiHZCl8/preview?ts=5e88ae0a#>.

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>.

REMINDERS

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.

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

Tips for online learning and remote working for Master's students

Monique Guzzi, of Fox School of Business, shares six tips on how to ensure minimal interruption to work, school and life: <https://www.fox.temple.edu/posts/2020/04/tips-for-online-learning-and-remote-working-for-masters-students/>.

12 Study Tips For Online Learners

Kajabi provides tips on how to succeed in your online courses: <https://blog.kajabi.com/12-study-tips-for-online-learners-succeed-in-your-elearning-course>.

What (Some) Students Are Saying about the Switch to Remote Teaching and Learning

George Veletsianos and Royce Kimmons, of EDUCAUSE Review, provide student perspectives on the transition to remote learning, and what is and isn't working: <https://er.educause.edu/blogs/2020/4/what-some-students-are-saying-about-the-switch-to-remote-teaching-and-learning>.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Seven expert tips for healthy eating while you're staying home

Jordan Mae Cook, of folio, provides seven expert tips for healthy eating while you're staying home: <https://www.folio.ca/seven-expert-tips-for-healthy-eating-while-youre-staying-home>.

Stress and Coping

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a guide for coping with stress during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html#community>.

6 fun ways to play, chat and hang with others online

Truc Nguyen, of CBC Life, suggests ideas for being together-apart with your family, friends, coworkers, colleagues, and neighbours while maintaining social distancing: <https://www.cbc.ca/life/culture/6-fun-ways-to-play-chat-and-hang-with-others-online-1.5519647>.

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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Writing Café for Graduate Students

Q&A: Writing During Covid-19

Are you struggling to write? Has your motivation gone out the window? Dr. Cecile Badenhorst will hold a Writing Café to answer your questions about writing procrastination. She will also discuss strategies to start writing and how to keep going. This is an interactive session (bring your own coffee!). Please feel free to attend even if you don't if you have general topics or questions. If you'd like to forward topics prior to the session, or can't attend but still have questions, please email cbadenhorst@mun.ca. Everyone is welcome!

Date and Time: Thursday, May 7, 11 am - 12pm NST

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Cecile Badenhorst](#), Associate Professor, Adult Education/Post-Secondary, Faculty of Education

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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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Entrepreneurship Training Program: Skills Identification and Team Building

The idea of starting your own business can be daunting, but it's a lot easier if you have the right co-founders and team to help you along the way. This session will help you identify your own skills as well as the skills you will need within your team to ensure success for your business.

Date and Time: Monday, May 11, 2-3 pm

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

Presenter: [Grace Tatigian](#), Entrepreneurship Training Program Coordinator

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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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Best Practices for Video Conferencing

Things to consider when connecting to a video conference as an organizer, presenter, instructor or participant.

In this presentation you'll learn about the fundamentals of video conferencing and what you should be responsible for regarding your contribution to the experience. The conversation will be about universal features and function so that these tips can be applied to any video conferencing solution you end up using whether it be Skype for Business, WebEx, Zoom or others. We will also talk about expectations of the various roles that make up a conference such as a presenter or attendee.

Date and Time: Thursday, May 14, 1 - 2 pm NST

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

Presenter: Darcy Andrews, Multimedia Specialist, CITL

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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

From the president

Dr. Vianne Timmons' video update of first 30 days in role: <https://gazette.mun.ca/campus-and-community/from-the-president/>.

Take a break

Gazette student columnist, Emma Troake, offers insight to managing in a pandemic:

<https://gazette.mun.ca/student-life/take-a-break/>.

Ten Thousand Coffees

Alumni Engagement and Student Life have partnered with Ten Thousand Coffees, a digital mentorship tool that links mentors with students and early career professionals, thanks in part to the generosity of RBC Future Launch: <https://gazette.mun.ca/public-engagement/ten-thousand-coffees>.

