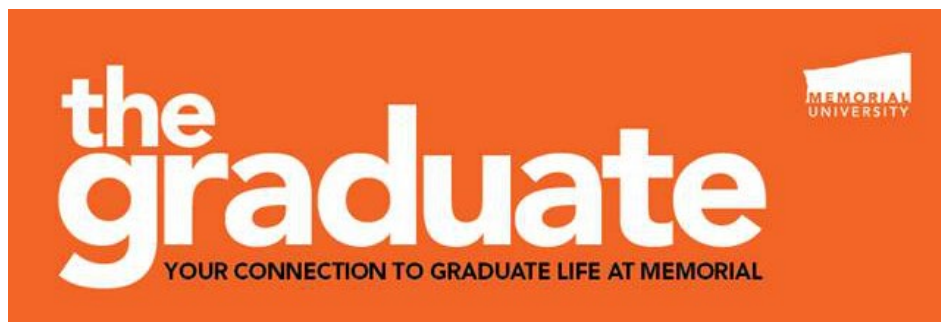


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FROM THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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 vaccine eligibility

Calling all Memorial students located in Newfoundland and Labrador: you're now eligible for your COVID-19 vaccine! We encourage the entire Memorial University community to get vaccinated - visit the [Government of Newfoundland COVID-19 vaccine website](#) for more information. Students currently outside of Newfoundland and Labrador - please refer to your province or country's vaccination roll-out plan for eligibility information.

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](#).

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.

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

Fall semester update

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

Student Residences is anticipating being fully open for the Fall 2021 semester. On the St. John's Campus, [Burton's Pond Apartments](#) are great for independent living while still offering students the benefits of living on-campus. Burton's Pond Apartments will be undergoing renovations to better meet the housing needs of our students. Going forward, each student apartment will accommodate two students, each with a private bedroom, a shared kitchen, a shared office/study space, bathroom and living/dining room. All apartments are fully furnished. The complex includes a laundry room, mail boxes and access to the Internationalization Office.

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

Graduate Student Town Hall

The School of Graduate Studies hosts regular town hall discussions involving Memorial University graduate students at all campuses. Hosted by Dr. Aimée Surprenant, AVP Academic and Dean of Graduate Studies, our online Town Halls are opportunities for you to ask questions and provide feedback on how we can better support you at this time with your graduate programs.

The next Graduate Student Town Hall will be taking place on Tuesday, June 22 at 12:00 pm. For more information and to register please visit the [Graduate Student Town Hall](#) webpage.

Internationalization Office (IO) Launches New Email

The IO has launched a new email address: immigrationadvising@mun.ca. This email address is for current and newly admitted international students and employees of Memorial University (St. John's and MI campus) to help address questions related to international students' temporary immigration status. The email is monitored throughout the work week by a team of Immigration Advisors who are authorized to answer Canadian immigration questions. When sending inquiries, students are strongly advised to send the query from their @mun.ca email and to include their student number, program of study and current country of residence.

New Student Life website

The Student Life website has been overhauled to better serve YOU! We've reorganized and revamped the website to make it easier for you to find academic, financial and accessibility supports, career services and information on ways to get involved in the Memorial community to help enhance your university experience! Check out the new and improved site here: www.mun.ca/student.

Virtual brown bag lunch with the VPR

Members of the School of Graduate Studies are invited to join Dr. Neil Bose, vice-president (research), for a virtual brown bag lunch on Wednesday, June 23, from 12:30-1:30 pm. There is no set agenda for the brown bag lunch other than an opportunity to have an informal discussion with Dr. Bose. Faculty, staff, graduate students and postdocs are invited to attend. Please email vp.research@mun.ca by Wednesday, June 16, for the login instructions for this virtual meeting.

Entrepreneurial Internships

Do you have a great business idea and you just need the time and money to help make it a reality? The Memorial Centre for Entrepreneurship (MCE) is happy to announce that Entrepreneurial Internships are now available! 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. Note that the number of funded Entrepreneurial Internships are limited. Applications will be accepted until all the positions are filled. This call for applications is for the Fall 2021 semester.

Find more information [here](#). If you have any questions, reach out to mce@mun.ca or book a meeting [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.

Counselling Services for Out-of-Country International Students

Memorial's Student Wellness and Counselling Centre (SWCC) has recently launched keep.meSAFE, an external counselling service for current international students who live outside Canada and cannot access such services due to jurisdictional practice restrictions. The keep.meSAFE service allows students to connect with a trained, certified counsellor wherever they are in the world through telephone, text, video-conferencing and, when appropriate, in-person sessions. For more information please visit the [keep.meSAFE by garde.me](#) website.

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.

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 transcripts. 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](#).

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

June 17, 2022, Friday

- Final date for submission of Master's and Doctoral Theses and Reports for examination, by students who expect to receive their degree at the Fall Convocation 2022. Theses and Reports received after this date will be processed as time and resources permit.
- Lectures end, Intersession

June 20, 2022, Monday

- Examinations begin, Intersession
- Semester Break begins, 14-week Spring semester

June 22, 2022, Wednesday

- Examination end, Intersession

June 23, 2022, Thursday

- Lectures resume, 14-week Spring semester

June 27, 2022, 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, Spring semester
- Lectures begin for Summer session

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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Time	Offering	Skillset
June 22, 2021		
1-2 pm NDT/9:30-10:30 am MDT	Engaging Your Audience in Presentations	Communication & Teamwork
June 23, 2021		
1-2 pm NDT/9:30-10:30 am MDT	Career Exploration (Hosted by Career Development)	Management & Responsibility
June 24, 2021		
1-2 pm NDT/9:30-10:30 am MDT	CV Essentials	Learning & Research
June 29, 2021		
12-1 pm NDT/8:30-9:30 am MDT	Conflict and Communications: Managing Interpersonal Relationships in Graduate School	Communication & Teamwork
July 8, 2021		
1-2 pm NDT/9:30-10:30 am MDT	Research Data Management (RDM): An Introduction	Learning & Research
July 15, 2021		
1-2 pm NDT/9:30-10:30 am MDT	Asked and Answered: Demystifying Academia	Communication & Teamwork

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

CAMPUS NEWS

Testing the waters

Researches, fish harvesters rely on Marine Institute's flume tank for safe, accessible trial runs. [Read more.](#)

Proof of concept

Chemistry researcher receives \$655,900 to advance decarbonizing N.L. oil and gas. [Read more.](#)

'Shared blueprint'

Memorial recognized for supporting United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. [Read more.](#)

Hook and swipe

Alumna creates app to connect consumers with fish harvesters. [Read more.](#)

Point person

A graduate studies librarian, the first position of its kind at Memorial, started the role last month. [Read more.](#)

'Real impact'

From theory to real world: Almost \$280,000 to strengthen Memorial's innovation ecosystem. [Read more.](#)

Provincial budget response

Operating budget cut; no new changes to tuition for 2021-22. [Read more.](#)

Shining Star

President Vianne Timmons receives international education award. [Read more.](#)

Together again

University plan aligns with province. [Read more.](#)

Focus on revenue generation, partnerships

Memorial hires first vice-president (advancement and external relations). [Read more.](#)