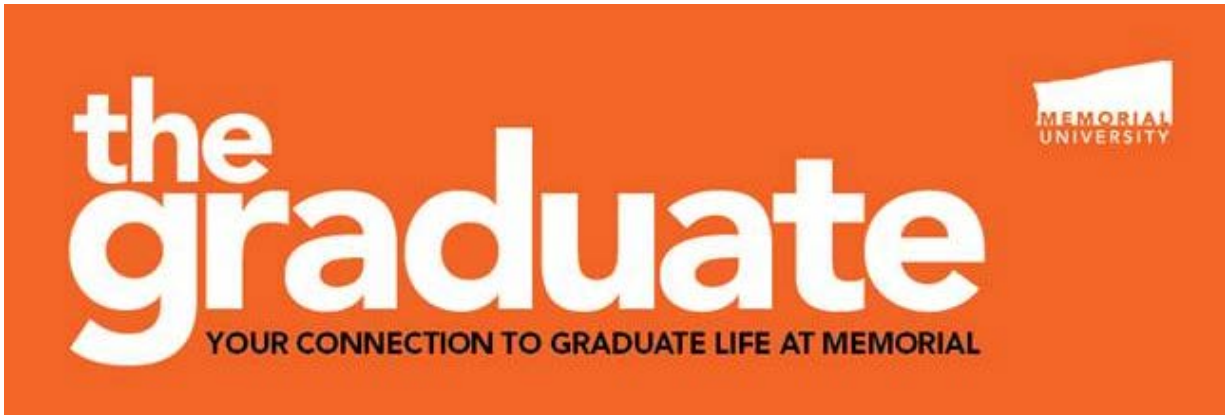


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## CONTACT US

Faculty and staff in the School of Graduate Studies are working remotely and available to assist you. 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](mailto:sgs@mun.ca) and we will respond within one business day.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Instructional Series

The Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL) is hosting a series of instructional sessions for instructors and teaching assistants on key topics to support effective remote and online instruction. Session topics include preparing to teach remotely, embedding principles of universal design, creating videos of your presentations, alternatives to exams and much more. Graduate students are welcome to attend. Visit the [events calendar](#) to view the sessions offered and to register.

### 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 that you and your family are covered in case of a medical situation or emergency. For more information regarding health insurance coverage please visit the [Resources for graduate students](#) website under Health and Wellness. To view the specific health insurance components of MCP, Green Shield Canada Health Insurance, and Foreign Health Insurance, please view the [Internationalization Office's health insurance FAQ](#).

## Health and Wellness

For the Spring 2020 semester, 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 [swccwellness@mun.ca](mailto:swccwellness@mun.ca) and include your full name, your graduate program, student number, current residential address, and phone number. Appointments are normally booked for the next business day and offered by telephone or virtual session.

Please visit the [SWCC website](#) for more information about the [services offered by SWCC](#), including [Ask a Registered Nurse](#) online service, physician/nursing services, counselling services, vaccinations/immunizations, wellness and wellbeing, and academic supports. [SWCC also provides a comprehensive list](#) of answers to frequently asked questions about the supports and services they offer, as well as a list of [online wellness resources](#).

## Virtual symposium

All graduate students are welcome to participate in a two-day virtual symposium focusing on Indigenous Studies in Campus-Community collaboration. More information about the symposium, which is being organized by the Bay St. George Mi'kmaq Cultural Revival Committee, Grenfell Campus Office of Research and Graduate Studies, and the Grenfell Campus Indigenous Resource Centre, can be found on the [Grenfell Campus website](#).

## REMINDERS

### Metrobus revision

From May 27 to August 1, the Metrobus pick-up and drop-off areas will be temporarily moved from the University Centre (UC) entrance to Arctic Avenue directly in front of the UC. During this time, buses will stop on both sides of Arctic Avenue in front of the UC, rather than pulling up to the UC doors. All students, faculty, staff and visitors are directed to use the adjacent crosswalks to access the UC from the new, temporary bus stops on Arctic Ave. For a map of the area please visit: [http://www.mun.ca/csf/Metrobus\\_stop\\_ArcticAve.pdf](http://www.mun.ca/csf/Metrobus_stop_ArcticAve.pdf).

There will be no roadside parking on Arctic Avenue during this time. Metered parking

in the UC parking lot and access to the building, under current conditions, will be maintained. The UC loading bay area will not be affected and delivery access to the main and east entrances to the UC will be maintained.

## 2020 Graduate Students' Union (GSU) Elections

The 2020 GSU Elections will be held online and nominations will be open from June 10-17. The campaign period will conclude with an online Q&A on Tuesday, June 24, in place of the Annual General Meeting. A link to the meeting will be sent at a later date. To help promote transparency and communication during this online election, the GSU asks all general members to consider signing up for the GSU General Elections on Brightspace: <https://forms.gle/xboUnLbwZpTndVTdA>. This will allow candidates to share their campaign platforms with all general members. For more information and to access the nomination form, please visit: [www.gsumun.ca/elections](http://www.gsumun.ca/elections).

## Grant applications

The GSU would like to inform all graduate students that new grant applications for the Professional Development Grant (PDG), Professional Membership Grant (PMG), and Special Purpose Grant (SPG) will be temporarily on hold until further notice. Due to the overwhelming volume of requests that are currently being handled, sufficient time is needed to address the applications which have already been submitted. The GSU will make an announcement within the upcoming weeks, once applications have resumed. For more information regarding the service interruption, please visit the GSU website: <https://www.gsumun.ca/funding>.

## On-campus research

Memorial is implementing a new process for a phased approach to returning to on-campus research spaces, fieldwork and face-to-face interactions with research participants. Read a new statement on research from Dr. Neil Bose, vice-president (research), here <https://www.mun.ca/research/news.php?id=13322&type=news>.

# RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

## Writing Centre's online service open for spring semester

The Writing Centre's online service is now open for the spring 2020 semester. The Centre will not be offering any in-person sessions this semester. For more information about online service, please visit: <https://www.mun.ca/writingcentre/services/distance/>. If you have further inquiries, please email: [writing@mun.ca](mailto:writing@mun.ca).

## Athletics & Wellness Digital Series

The School of HKR and Varsity Athletics is hosting a 6-week Athletics & Wellness Digital Series. Each week there will be a variety of FREE sessions to choose from that are focused on staying active and living a healthy lifestyle. Every Sunday the

upcoming schedule for the week will be posted, which will include weekly yoga, CrossFit, Strength and Conditioning Workouts, Stress Management, coaching seminars, and much more! Tune in via the School of Human Kinetics and Recreation's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SchoolofHumanKineticsandRecreation>.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for international students

Global Affairs Canada's International Education Division has created a list of resources specifically for international students including information on immigration status, benefits eligibility, health care, and more. Visit the Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for international students webpage for more information:

<https://www.educanada.ca/study-plan-etudes/covid-19/update-covid-19-mise-a-jour.aspx?lang=eng>.

### Thesis writing and Motivation

Dr. Cecile Badenhorst has created a video for thesis/research based graduate students about declining motivation to write and how students can increase their motivation to write. This video is the first in a series of four (4) on motivation and procrastination: <https://youtu.be/oAfKnqjFNJU>.

### 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. The Blundon Centre will continue to offer programming during Spring/Summer semesters, please visit the calendar of events for workshops and sessions: <https://www.mun.ca/student/supports-and-resources/learning/events.php>. For more information or if you have further questions please contact [blundon@mun.ca](mailto:blundon@mun.ca).

### Student Volunteer Bureau

The Student Volunteer Bureau has a wealth of remote volunteer and professional development opportunities available. Visit [www.mun.ca/volunteer](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpdPIxhRWwJEv0ruFFgPQ3A/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf_id=0).

## 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](mailto:aabu@mun.ca). For all other questions please email [international@mun.ca](mailto:international@mun.ca) and an advisor will respond to you as soon as possible.

## DEADLINE DATES

### June 19, 2020, Friday

- Final date for submission of Master's and Doctoral Theses and Reports for examination, by candidates who expect to receive their degree at the Fall Convocation 2020. Theses and Reports received after this date will be processed as time and resources permit.
- Lectures end, Intersession

### June 22, 2020, Monday

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

### June 24, 2020, Wednesday

- Examinations end, Intersession

### June 25, 2020, Thursday

- Lectures resume, 14-week Spring semester

### June 29, 2020, 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

### July 1, 2021, Thursday

- Memorial Day holiday, no lectures

### July 5, 2021, Monday

- End of Regular Registration Period and last day for undergraduate and graduate students to add courses, Summer session

- Last date for undergraduate and graduate students to drop courses without academic prejudice, 14-week Spring semester

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

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

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

*With Dr. Meghan Burchell and with insights from MA student, Sarah Kuehn*

The Canadian Commons CV (CCV) is required for all students who wish to apply for funding from SSHRC, CHIR 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: Tuesday, June 18, 1 - 2pm NDT

Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)

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

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Entrepreneurship Training Program: Mentors and Advisors

Starting a business on your own can be intimidating, that's why it's so important to have mentors and advisors to help you on your entrepreneurial journey. This session will teach you where to find mentors and advisors, how to connect with them, and explain how they can help.

Date and Time: Thursday, June 18, 2-3pm NDT

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

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

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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: Wednesday, June 24, 1-2pm NDT

Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)

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

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Communicating Effectively in an Intercultural Professional Setting

This talk will discuss ways to enhance one's ability to communicate orally and in writing in a professional setting particularly in the context of intercultural communication. Starting with "Who" needs to be a good communicator, through



"What" effective communication entails, we will discuss "Why" effective communication is so important in today's professional world, and "When" and "Where" one can learn the communication skills and competencies so valued by employers. Emphasis will be given to communication across cultures - when the culture of the participants differ and generate breakdowns in communication. From the use and overuse of acronyms and jargon, to Kaplan's five models for organizing a paper and structuring an argument, this talk will highlight potential pitfalls to keep in mind.

Date and Time: Thursday, June 25, 1-2pm NDT

Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Dr. Cristina Fabretto](#), Per-Course Teaching-Term Appointee, Italian, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

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### Entrepreneurship Training Program: Resources and Supports

Did you know that there are countless resources out there to help aspiring entrepreneurs? This session will provide an overview of the supports that exist both on and off campus that can help students start their own business. The more help you get, the higher your chance at success!

Date and Time: Thursday, June 25, 2-3pm NDT

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

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

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### Writing Café for Graduate Students: Developing Writing Fluency

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](mailto:cbadenhorst@mun.ca). Everyone is welcome!

Date and Time: Thursday, July 2, 11am-12pm NDT

Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)

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

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### Entrepreneurship Training Program: Ideation and the Lean Canvas

Have you ever thought about starting a business, but really have no idea where to start? This session will give you the tools to critically consider the feasibility of your business idea (or help you come up with one), and help you learn how to pivot within that idea for the best chance at entrepreneurial success.

Date and Time: Thursday, July 2, 2-3pm NDT

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

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

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

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Ideas and technologies

Multidisciplinary research projects benefit from nearly \$500,000 federal investment. [Read more](#).

### A port in the storm

Student Life offers hope to students through online career counselling. [Read more](#).

### All hands

Calling all N.L. would-be Wikipedia editors on deck. [Read more](#).

### Draft framework

Memorial releases draft of Strategic Framework for Indigenization 2020-2025. [Read more](#).

### Charting the course

Memorial embarks on pan-university strategic planning process. [Read more](#).

### Embracing innovation

\$1-million federal investment for health-related research and discoveries. [Read more](#).

### Principled partnerships

Memorial implements agreement supporting Indigenous data sovereignty. [Read more](#).

For more news around campus, please visit [The Gazette](#).

## SPOTLIGHT

### Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate student Shannon talks about the impact COVID-19 has had on their MA thesis, and discusses the importance of trusting in yourself, your thoughts, and the process. Read more of Shannon and our other bloggers' posts on the [Graduate Student Blog](#).



## Remote possibilities

The School of Graduate Studies reached out to several graduate students recently to find out how they are handling the transition to remote learning. Read more about Judyannet Muchiri's (PhD student in sociology) experience in [The Gazette](#).