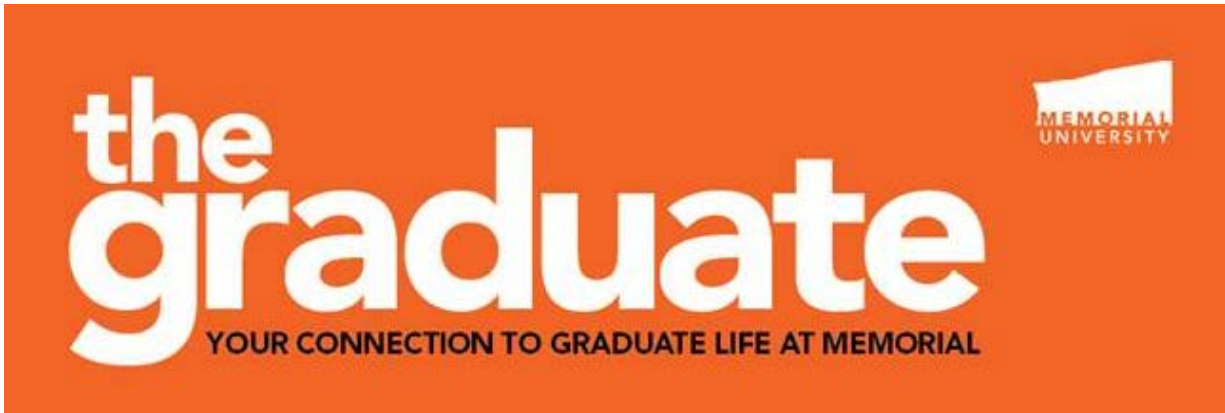


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CONTACT US

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 and we will respond within one business day.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Fall 2020 Course Offerings and Registration

Course offerings for the Fall 2020 semester are now available through Memorial University [Self-Service](#). As a friendly reminder, [registration for graduate students](#) for Fall 2020 opens on August 3 and closes on September 23. The deadline for [fees payment](#) for Fall 2020 is September 9. For more information regarding course offerings and registration, please visit the [Office of the Registrar](#) website.

Student Fees for Fall 2020

Memorial's Board of Regents has approved the [suspension of two student fees for](#)

[the Fall 2020 semester](#). Memorial students will not be charged the Distance Education Administration Fee and Recreation Fee for the Fall 2020 semester.

Internationalization Office Information Sessions

The Internationalization Office is hosting information sessions every Thursday from June 11 to August 20 from 12:30-1:30pm NST. The sessions will be held remotely through Brightspace. Session topics include Study Permit and VISA Extension Applications, Post-Graduation Work Permit, Immigration updates, and Ask your Immigration Advisor. For more information and to register, please visit the [Internationalization Office](#) website.

Teaching Skills Enhancement Program for Graduate Students

Graduate students are invited to submit applications for the 2020-21 offering of Memorial University's Teaching Skills Enhancement Program (TESP). TSEP will run remotely over the Fall and Winter semesters. The deadline for applications is July 15, 2020. For more information and to apply, please visit the [TSEP](#) website.

Memorial University Libraries

Memorial University Libraries offer [expensive resources to support remote learning and research](#), including access to databases, e-books, e-journals, streaming film collections, and e-reserves. If you require print books or other materials that are not available online, please review this information on [MUN Libraries' contactless pickup service](#). [Live chat support is also available](#) through the Memorial Libraries website if you need help with research or citing.

Access to Memorial University Libraries' Special Collections (Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Archives and Special, Founders' Archive): Limited, controlled and scheduled access (in-person appointments) to these collections is now available to Memorial's thesis-based graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who are close to completing their degree or term of appointment. Services will be expanded soon to include Memorial faculty and graduate students conducting critical research. Access to our libraries will continue to expand in accordance with [Memorial's phased approach](#). Please visit our special [FAQ](#) for more information.

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.

Information Technology Services

[Memorial University's Information Technology Services](#) offers a number of free software for graduate students to install on personal devices, including Microsoft

Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc.) McAfee Antivirus, Matlab, and ArcGIS.

Research Activities

Memorial is proceeding to resume additional on-campus research activities, fieldwork and research involving face-to-face interactions with research participants in accordance with an updated Framework for a Phased Approach to Returning to On-Campus Research Spaces, Fieldwork and Face-to-Face Interactions with Research Participants. To read a new statement on research from Dr. Neil Bose, vice-president (research), please see here: <https://www.mun.ca/research/news.php?id=13441>.

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 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](#).

The Works begins re-opening

The Works facility and programs will open in phases to ensure they can successfully meet guidelines and also the expectations of customers and employees. The Field House is now open to all members of The Works, including Aquarena Fitness Centre members. For those on payroll deductions, they will resume in the next few weeks. The Works has taken the opportunity to complete our Aquarena pool maintenance during this time. The Aquarena pool will open as soon as possible once maintenance is complete. For more information on changes to processes and

programs please visit: www.theworksonline.ca/Welcome_Back_-_Covid_FAQ.pdf.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Writing Centre's online service

The Writing Centre's online service is 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.

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.

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.

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.

DEADLINE DATES

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

July 8, 2021, Thursday

- Last day for undergraduate students to drop courses and receive a 50% refund of tuition fees, Summer session

July 12, 2021, Monday

- Last day for undergraduate students to drop courses and receive a 25% refund of tuition fees, Summer session. No tuition fees will be refunded for Summer session courses dropped after this date.

July 19, 2021, Monday

- Final date for Departments to submit Recommendation for Award of Degree in order for graduate students to receive a 25% refund of continuance fees, Spring semester

July 26, 2021, Monday

- Last date for undergraduate and graduate students to drop courses without academic prejudice, Summer session

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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

From Proposal to Poster: An Introduction to Academic Posters

What makes a good academic poster? How do you turn an entire thesis into a visual 750-word display? Can a proposal be a poster? What font size? What colours? In this workshop, we'll discuss tools available for making academic posters, as well as some do's and don'ts for poster design. This workshop will focus on inter-disciplinary posters, design basics, expectations, accessibility and innovation in student poster dissemination. It will also discuss ways to engage your audience as you walk them through your research.

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 7, 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: 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: Thursday, July 9, 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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Preparing for an Employment Interview

Employers in academia and industry regularly use interviews as part of their selection process. In this session, we will review techniques for preparing for an employment interview (academic or non-academic). Common types of interview techniques will be discussed as well as ways to prepare for them.

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 14, 1-2pm NDT

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

Presenter: [Dr. Travor Brown](#), Professor, Labour Relations & Human Resources, Faculty of Business Administration

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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, July 16, 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

Well-being and research

Pandemic lessons from the Recovery and Performance Laboratory. [Read more.](#)

Change of plans

COVID-19 alters travel plans for family living in Student Residences. [Read more.](#)

MUNUP

President Vianne Timmons is encouraging new and returning students to visit MUNUP - a new online hub with important info on remote orientation and transition programs. [See more.](#)

'Game-changing'

Student-led health tech companies win \$40,000 seed funding at Mel Woodward Cup. [Read more.](#)

Pursuit of knowledge

Next-generation researchers awarded significant federal funding. [Read more.](#)

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

SPOTLIGHT

Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate student Christina asks everyone to take this time to educate yourselves, listen, support, and reflect. Read more of Christina 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 Kelly MacDonald's (master's student in biology) experience in [The Gazette](#).