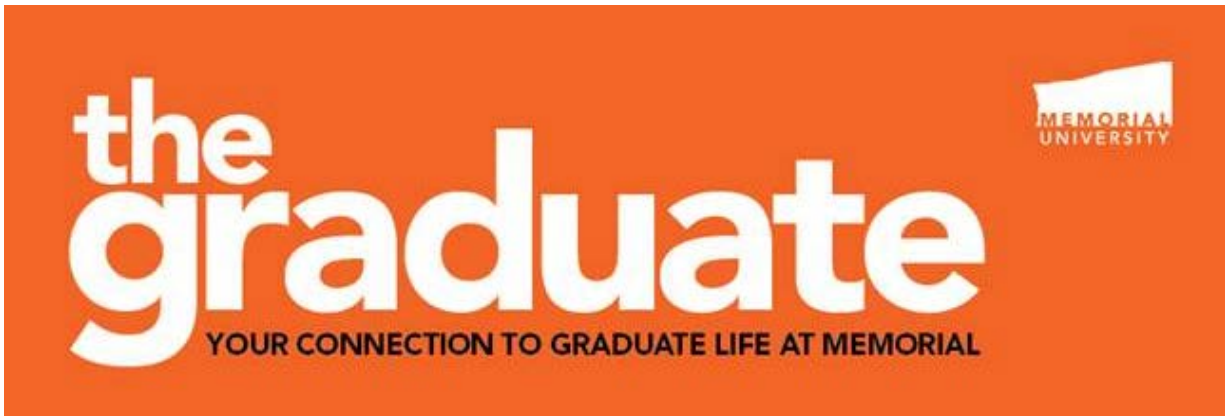


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## CONTACT US

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

### On-Campus Housing

As the majority of students will be learning remotely for the Fall 2020 semester, Student Residences will not be open in a usual capacity. On the St. John's Campus, Burton's Pond Apartments are the only residence community that will be available. To help abide to public health recommendations each apartment will have a maximum of two to three students. Ideally, each apartment will have students completing similar academic programs order to help reduce contact with areas outside of their apartment. For additional information on eligibility, applying and more please visit the [Student Residences](#) website.

## 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.

## 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](#) webpage 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](#).

## Foreign Health Insurance fee increase and policy enhancement

The Internationalization Office is pleased to announce their continued relationship with Guard Me International Insurance as the provider of the mandatory foreign health insurance plan for international students at Memorial University for Fall 2020 onwards. Guard Me has been the provider of the foreign health insurance plan since 2003. Their innovative programs, such as mobileDOCTOR and Campus Ambassadors, and excellent service make them a leader in both the fields of international student health insurance and international education.

Beginning Fall 2020, students enrolled in the foreign health insurance plan will notice a fee increase, as well as changes to their policy. The cost for foreign health insurance for Fall 2020 has increased from \$206.84 per semester to \$261.59 per semester. This fee increase provides students enrolled in the plan with two new policy enhancements; (1) coverage up to \$10,000 for medically necessary non-emergent treatment of a condition, and (2) medical expenses incurred as a result of actions while impaired. For students who have questions about these changes or other issues related to the administration of the foreign health insurance plan, please contact the Internationalization Office at [international@mun.ca](mailto:international@mun.ca). In addition, the Internationalization Office will be hosting a [Facebook Live](#) session on Wednesday July 21 at 1:30pm NDT to answer your questions.

## 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 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.

### 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](#).

# 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](mailto: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](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/UCpdPlxhRWwJEv0ruFFgPQ3A/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=0](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpdPlxhRWwJEv0ruFFgPQ3A/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

July 15, 2020, Wednesday

- Final date for filing, with the Registrar, applications for Degrees and Diplomas for the Fall Convocation 2020. Applications received after this date will be processed as time and resources permit.

July 20, 2020, 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 27, 2020, Monday

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

August 3, 2020, Monday

- Registration opens for graduate students, Fall 2020 semester

August 7, 2020, Friday

- Lectures end, 14-week Spring semester. Lectures will follow the Wednesday schedule on this day only.

August 8, 2020, Saturday

- Lectures end, Summer session. Lectures will follow the Wednesday schedule on this day only.

August 10, 2020, Monday

- Examinations begin, 14-week Spring semester and Summer session
- Final date for submission of Work Reports by Co-operative Education students

August 12, 2020, Wednesday

- Examinations end, Summer session

August 15, 2020, Saturday

- Examinations end, 14-week Spring semester

August 21, 2020, Friday

- Spring Work Term ends for Co-operative Education students

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

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Navigating Uncharted Waters Workshop Series: Preparing to Thrive - Grenfell Series

Join us to discuss strategies for an accelerated reboot of your business post Covid-19 including how to develop a recovery playbook and a readiness plan for responding to alert-level changes and second waves.

Date and Time: Thursday, July 16, 1-4pm NDT

Offered in partnership between Navigate and Spicer Facilitation and Learning.

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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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Navigating Uncharted Waters Workshop Series: Navigating your Finances - Grenfell Series

Join us to discuss the ABCs of navigating your personal and business finances and planning for your financial success.

With guest speaker Tina Skinner, Wealth Management Advisor with the NLCU.

Date and Time: Monday, July 20, 2-4pm NDT

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Assistive Technology for Remote Learning

A student's learning style is directly related to their environment; that's why it's so important to understand how technology can help as we switch from an in-class to remote/online learning for Fall 2020. This session will go over a few useful forms of assistive technology that can help students learn in this new kind of environment. It will include an overview of Captioning, Extensions, and Built in Accessibility Features. These tools can help students with a variety of learning styles to succeed in university.

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 21, 1-2pm NDT

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

Presenter: Jen d'Eon, Student Learning Advisor (Assistive Technology), The Blundon Centre

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### Identifying and Marketing Your Transferable Skills

You develop a wide range of valuable skills over the course of your academic program that prepare you for diverse career options. However, it can be challenging to translate these skills into those most valued by potential employers! This session will help you identify these skillsets and offer tips to help you market them effectively to ensure career success.

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 22, 1-2pm NDT

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

Presenter: [Julie Bowering](#), Career Development Coordinator, School of Graduate Studies

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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, July 23, 2-3 pm NDT

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

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

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### Developing a Successful Resume & Cover Letter

A professional résumé and cover letter are critical to securing an interview in today's competitive job market! Learn how to market yourself effectively so you stand out and make a positive impression. This session will help you to prepare and tailor a resume and cover letter that clearly reflects your education, experience and skills to ensure that your documents are directly relevant to the position you are applying for.

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 28, 1-2pm NDT

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

Presenter: [Julie Bowering](#), Career Development Coordinator, School of Graduate Studies

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### Using CITAVI to Organize and Optimize Your Research Writing

This session will introduce you to CITAVI - a software that helps you manage your



references, plan your tasks and, most importantly, organize your notes, insights, comments and quotations in a way that makes the writing process much easier. Join us to discuss how CITAVI can help you optimize your research writing! (Note: It is not mandatory; however, it may be helpful to install CITAVI:

<https://www.citavi.com/en/download> prior to this session. CITAVI 6 is available for Windows only. Please see this step-by-step guide on installing CITAVI for MAC users: [https://www1.citavi.com/sub/manual6/en/index.html?installing\\_on\\_a\\_mac.html](https://www1.citavi.com/sub/manual6/en/index.html?installing_on_a_mac.html).)

Date and Time: Thursday, July 30, 1 - 2 pm NDT

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

Presenter: Renato Rodrigues, Memorial University Alum, M.Phil (Humanities)

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

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Crystal clear

Pharmacy doctoral graduate predicts bright future for digital health. [Read more](#).

### Well-earned results

Leading and emerging social scientists awarded more than \$1 million for insightful research. [Read more](#).

### Fall semester update

Primarily remote and online teaching and learning environment in fall 2020. [Read more](#).

### On the verge

Alumnus' team anticipating human clinical trials for COVID-19 vaccine. [Read more](#).

### Doing the heart good

Canadian genetic researchers help save lives worldwide with sudden cardiac death breakthroughs. [Read more](#).

### Achieving their goals

ESL program helps students and families grow in unexpected ways. [Read more](#).

### Call for action

International students exceptionally vulnerable to pandemic impact. [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.](#)

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

## SPOTLIGHT

### Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate Sydney discusses how the transition to remote learning has impacted her thesis and fieldwork, which ultimately was a blessing in disguise. Read more of Sydney 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 Juan Pablo Ibáñez R's (master's student in cognitive and behavioural ecology) experience in [The Gazette](#).