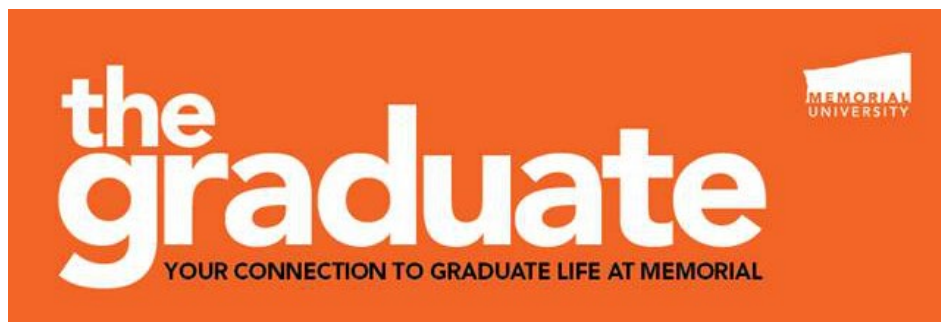


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FROM THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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, graduate admin staff, or email sgs@mun.ca. Someone will get back to you right away.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

COVID-19 UPDATES AND INFORMATION

On-Campus Research

On-campus research spaces, fieldwork, and research involving interactions with research participants have been reinstated at the St. John's campus. For more information please visit the [Research](#) website.

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, and is designed to let people in Canada know whether they may have been exposed to the virus. More information about the app is available through the [Government of Canada](#) website (with hyperlink), and there is also a link to the app available through MUN safe.

Self-Isolation Update

New or returning students should refer to the [arrivals website](#) for the most up-to date information on self-isolation at Memorial University. Please be sure 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](#).

Face mask reminder

This is a reminder that Memorial requires wearing non-medical face masks while in public spaces and common areas on all campuses. A two-ply face mask is the minimum standard while three-ply is recommended. Non-medical masks are not considered personal protective equipment under Occupational Health and Safety legislation; however, individual units may provide non-medical masks dependent on risk of jobs. Note that face shields do not replace a mask and masks with exhalation valves should not be worn. Neck gaiters, scarves and bandanas are not recommended. Further information can be found [here](#).

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

Preparing for the Fall 2021 Semester On Campus

Memorial University is looking forward to welcoming the university community back to campus. As Newfoundland and Labrador gradually opens up, we are eagerly preparing our spaces to deliver a safe learning experience to students across all our campuses. New and current students should plan to be on campus in person for their fall university experiences. You can find updates on preparations for Fall 2021 on the [Memorial COVID-19 website](#).

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. The Fall 2021 semester will be different from other on-campus semesters in order to follow public health requirements, and could include the use of non-medical face masks, physical distancing and other public health measures. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Fall 2021 Student Residences Application – Now Open

Student Residences is anticipated to be 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, residence applications this fall semester are risk-free! No fees will be charged for application, room confirmation, or cancellation processing. For the most up to date information please refer to the [Memorial Residences website](#).

Personalized Campus Tours

Attending in-person classes for the first time this fall? Book a personalized campus tour to become familiar with the St. John's campus! A tour guide will show you your classrooms, walk you through your schedule, and introduce you to campus landmarks. For more information on how to book a tour, [click here](#).

OTHER GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

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.

Entrepreneurial Internships

Do you have a great business idea but 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 provide 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 and make your own hours. Make this semester the semester that you take the deep dive into entrepreneurship!. Please note that this is a non-credit internship and 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](#).

Take the Maclean's Academic Survey Today

Memorial is encouraging faculty members to participate in the 2021 Maclean's academic survey. To learn more about the reputational survey, and how to take part, please visit the [Research](#) website.

Brightspace Help

You can find helpful tips to ease any technology concerns when [preparing for an online quiz](#) or [confirming your assignment submission](#) within CITL's Student Resources in Brightspace. Have a Brightspace question? Contact the CITL [Support Centre](#) for assistance, available seven days a week.

Exceptional Community Service Award Nomination Deadline

Nominations are currently open for the 2021 President's Award for Exceptional Community Service. The deadline is July 30. If you know someone deserving of recognition, check the details for the nomination process [here](#). For more on last year's recipient, Dr. Jakub Martinec from the School of Music, please visit [The Gazette](#).

The Fund Information Sessions

[The Fund](#), Memorial University's student-managed investment fund, is currently recruiting members for its fall cohort. Open to all students at Memorial, members learn skills related to investment and finance by using real money to invest in stock markets. The team currently manages a portfolio of over \$250,000. In this virtual session led by The Fund's management team, participants will hear about opportunities and experiences for students as well as expectations for all team members. For more information, contact eabdelkhalek@mun.ca.

Two upcoming sessions are being held:

Thursday, July 29, 6:30 p.m. (NST)
[Register here](#)

Thursday, Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m. (NST)
[Register here](#)

Save the Date for Research Week 2021

Plans are underway for Research Week 2021. This year's celebrations will take place Nov. 22-26. Dr. Neil Bose, vice-president (research), invites all members of the university community – researchers, staff, postdoctoral fellows and students – on each of Memorial's campuses to consider ways to participate. Events will need to be in line with public health guidelines and provincial regulations related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please give consideration to virtual and hybrid events to enable participation from across our campuses and regions, and even from around the world. The goal of Research Week is to celebrate and raise awareness of Memorial's world-class research expertise and encourage more multidisciplinary collaboration among our research community. More information about Research Week will be posted online at www.mun.ca/researchweek. Check back for updates. #researchweek2021.

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, you can 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. Graduate students looking to book an appointment with a SWCC's counselor can do so by completing 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 online tutoring services. 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 via email and through social media platforms such as Facebook messenger, Skype, and Zoom. You can [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](#).

DEADLINE DATES

July 26, 2021, Monday

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

August 2, 2021, Monday

- Registration opens for all graduate students at Memorial for Fall 2021

August 6, 2021, Friday

- Lectures end, 14-week Spring semester

August 7, 2021, Saturday

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

August 9, 2021, Monday

- Examinations begin, 14-week Spring semester and Summer session

August 11, 2021, Wednesday

- Examinations end, Summer session

August 14, 2021, Saturday

- Examinations end, 14-week Spring semester

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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Time	Offering	Skillset
July 29, 2021		
1-2 pm NDT/9:30-10:30 am MDT	Communicating Effectively in an Intercultural Professional Setting	Communication & Teamwork
August 12, 2021		
1-2 pm NDT/9:30-10:30 am MDT	Teaching Early in Your Career (or, What I Wish Someone had Told Me)	Learning & Research
August 16 - 20, 2021		
Daily 9-4 pm NDT/5:30 am-12:30 pm MDT	Thesis Writing Retreat	Learning & Research
August 16 - 25, 2021		
Various	22nd Annual Aldrich Interdisciplinary Conference (Hosted by the GSU)	Learning & Research
August 26, 2021		
1-2 pm NDT/9:30-10:30 am MDT	Professional Networking and the Job Search	Communication & Teamwork

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

CAMPUS NEWS

Welcome (back)

Updates on preparations for the student experience fall 2021. [Read more.](#)

Commitment to communities

Grenfell Campus shares accomplishments identified in strategic plan. [Read more.](#)

'energizing' process

Planning underway for first innovation strategy at Memorial. [Read more.](#)

Home hub

Canada Ocean Lecture Series to be based at Memorial. [Read more.](#)

'Vast depth'

More than \$3 million in federal funding to propel science and research. [Read more.](#)

Commitment to research excellence

Engineering associate deans and alumni inducted into the Canadian Academy of Engineering. [Read more.](#)

Worldwide exposure

Memorial achieves top marks among international universities. [Read more.](#)

Advancing Indigenization

Memorial's first vice-president (Indigenous) appointed. [Read more.](#)

Research update

Vice-president (research) announces full resumption of research activities. [Read more.](#)

'Undeniable passion'

Acting director appointed to specialized research centre. [Read more.](#)

The big move

Core Science Facility to provide modern and collaborative teaching, research spaces. [Read more.](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate student Sara talks about the stress that comes with being a grad student, and discusses how she decompresses and relaxes. Read more of Sara and our other bloggers' posts on the [Graduate Student Blog](#).