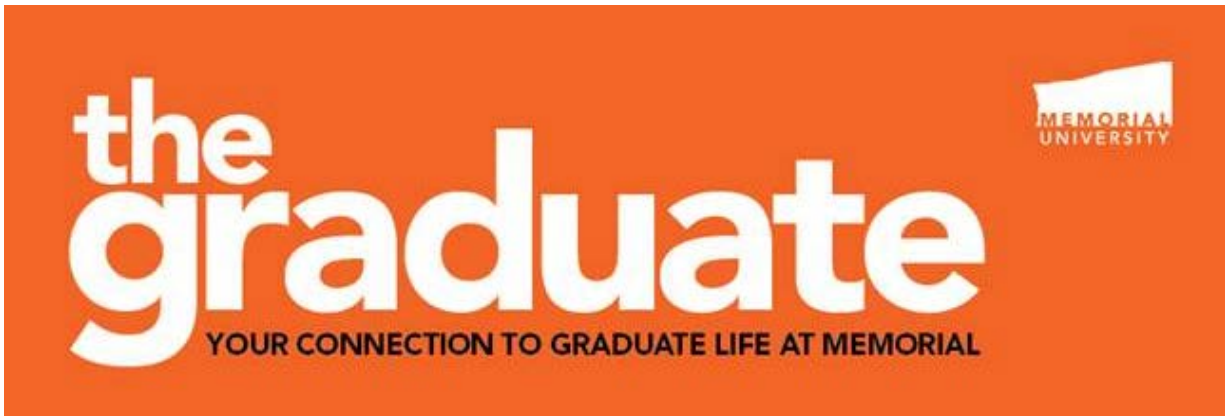


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CONTACT US

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

Memorial University Graduate Student Town Hall

The School of Graduate Studies will be hosting their third online Town Hall discussion on July 31, from 2-3pm NDT. All graduate students at Memorial University are invited to participate. Hosted by Dr. Aimée Surprenant, AVP Academic and Dean of Graduate Studies, our online Town Hall is an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide feedback on how we can better support you at this time with your graduate programs. Faculty and staff will also be present to assist with any questions you might have. To register, please visit the [event website](#). If you cannot attend the Town Hall or have immediate questions we can help you with, please don't hesitate to email us

at sgs@mun.ca.

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.

On-Campus Housing

Student Residences on the St. John's campus will be open in a limited capacity this Fall semester. On the St. John's Campus, Burton's Pond Apartments will be the only residence community that will be available for students requiring accommodations. To help abide to public health recommendations, each apartment will have a maximum of two to three students. Applications for the Fall semester are open now and can be accessed through the [Student Residence Portal](#).

Unfortunately, due to limited space, Student Residences will not be able to guarantee accommodations for all students who may need them. For more detailed information regarding the Fall 2020 semester please view the [Student Residences](#) website.

Graduate Student Parking Permits for Fall 2020

The parking office has now implemented various health and safety controls in response to COVID-19 to allow parking operations to resume effective August 1, 2020. Current permits will be honored throughout August to allow renewals and sales to occur. The Fall 2020 graduate student parking allocation will open August 1, 2020 and close September 7, 2020 at noon. Students can enter the lottery via my.mun.ca under the Student Tab. Successful lottery applicants will receive an email notification from the parking office after the lottery closes. For more information please visit the [Campus Enforcement and Patrol](#) website.

Warning about Fraudulent Jobs

We'd like to remind graduate students about job scams that are becoming more prevalent. Please take some time to educate yourself about scam employers and potential fraudulent job postings. Student Life has compiled [important tips to help you do this](#). If you are ever unsure about a job opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact Memorial's Career Development Centre by email at careerdevelopment@mun.ca.

Memorial's Student-Managed Investment Fund

Memorial's student-managed investment fund (The Fund) is now recruiting for its 2020-2021 cohort. The Fund manages a portfolio of over \$150,000, investing in global equity and bond markets. Any Memorial student with a keen interest in finance and economics can [apply now](#). Recruitment closes August 23. Interviews will take place the first week of September. Online information sessions will also be held on July 30 and August 11. For more information, please email

thefundmemorial@gmail.com.

Graduate Research Writing Course

Graduate Research Writing, ED 6461 will be offered in Fall 2020. While this course is open to all graduates across the disciplines, preference will be given to education students. If you are interested in taking this course, please first consult with your supervisor and graduate officer. To place yourself on the waitlist, please submit a [course change form](#) signed and approved by your academic unit to the Faculty of Education, Academic Programs Office at muneduc@mun.ca. You will be contacted after August 24 with an update regarding your spot in the course. For more information, please contact Dr. Cecile Badenhorst at cbadenhorst@mun.ca.

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.

Grant Applications

The Graduate Students' Union (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) have been reopened. For more information regarding these grants, please visit the [GSU](#) website.

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.

Internationalization Office Information Sessions

The Internationalization Office is hosting information sessions every Thursday from June 11 to August 20 from 12:30-1:30pm NDT. 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.

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.

Memorial University Libraries Introduces Dataverse, an institutional data repository available to faculty, staff, and students of Memorial University for the storage and management of research data. It allows for the storage of research data on a secure, long-term platform and is made available to share with colleagues and the general public. For more information, please visit [Memorial University Libraries](#) website.

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](#).

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

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.)

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

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

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

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Networking and the Job Search

This session will focus on the importance of networking and its role in the job search process, with an emphasis on remote networking. Topics include self-evaluation, conducting a job market search, the hidden job market, researching employers and effective job search tools. Informational interviewing will also be highlighted as playing a vital role in a successful job search!

Date and Time: Tuesday, August 4, 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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Writing Café for Graduate Students: 10 Things I Know to be True About Thesis Writing

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!). 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. Everyone is welcome!

Date and Time: Thursday, August 6, 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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Activity, Productivity, and Mindfulness: A Guide to Self-Care while Learning from Home

Details coming soon!

Date and Time: Thursday, August 6, 1-2pm NDT
Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)
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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, August 6, 2-3pm NDT
Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)
Presenter: [Grace Tatigian](#), Entrepreneurship Training Program Coordinator
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Five Questions You Should Ask Your Graduate Supervisor

This session will address a series of important—if sometimes tricky—questions every graduate student should ask their supervisor(s) as early as possible in their program. The questions address financial, professional and pedagogical relationships that are the foundation of successful (and equitable) graduate study. Opening up dialogue on these issues is important for understanding your rights and responsibilities as a graduate student.

Date and Time: Monday, August 10, 1-2pm NDT
Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)
Presenter: [Dr. Arn Keeling](#), Associate Professor, Department of Geography
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Tips for a Successful Interview

Would you like to improve your interview skills and technique? This session will cover all interview formats, including video conferencing, as well as offer useful resources to ensure you make a positive impression with employers, and land that job!

Date and Time: Tuesday, August 11, 1-2pm NDT
Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)
Presenter: [Julie Bowering](#), Career Development Coordinator, School of Graduate Studies
[REGISTER HERE](#)

It's Hard to See/Resist Something That has no Name: A Conversation on Ableism

Let's explore and deconstruct the culture and oppressive structures that tell a group of people that the inequality they experience is a result of the defects located in their individual bodies and minds. Hear and share stories of lived experience and be part of the work of undoing ableist systems. Discover how we can build a tomorrow as the very best scholars, practitioners and leaders that embraces equity, diversity and inclusion.

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 12, 1-2pm NDT

Mode: Online

Presenter: Catherine Shortall, Educational Accessibility Specialist

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

CAMPUS NEWS

In safe hands

New master's, PhD degrees at MI in maritime safety and survival. [Read more](#).

'Whole new field'

Memorial graduate student receives 'life-changing' Rothermere Fellowship. [Read more](#).

Finding a link

PhD student part of genetics study providing hope to cancer patients. [Read more](#).

Opening doors

Master's graduate gains practical experience as part of genetics team. [Read more](#).

Northern sovereignty

Memorial establishes first academic unit based in Labrador. [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 Levi talks about the impact the transition to remote learning has had on his thesis research and the importance of having a backup plan. He also discusses how the pandemic has caused a mostly positive cultural shift in academia. Read more of Levi 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 Samantha Lehman's (doctoral candidate in English) experience in [The Gazette](#).