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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### COVID-19 UPDATES AND INFORMATION

#### Vaccine Mandate

Students, faculty, and staff are required to complete the first dose of an approved vaccination by Sept. 7, 2021, and the second dose by Oct. 15, 2021, unless granted an accommodation. Recognized vaccines include those approved by the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) and/or [Health Canada](#). Memorial has launched the secure vaccine declaration form for staff, faculty and students. You can access this form directly in the [My MUN portal](#).

#### COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

The [Student Wellness & Counselling Centre](#) (SWCC) has teamed up with Eastern Health to offer weekly COVID-19 vaccine clinics on Wednesdays from noon-6 p.m. No appointment needed! Bring your MCP card if you have one, (it's okay if you don't) and your immunization record if you're getting a second dose. Can't make it to one of these clinics? Contact the SWCC at 864-8500 to book an appointment or check with your local health authority for community clinic details.

#### COVID-19 Awareness: Student Module in Brightspace

All students must complete the mandatory COVID-19 Awareness: student module in Brightspace during the beginning of the semester. You'll learn important information about the COVID-19 guidelines in place on campus and the supports available to you

as we return to in-person learning. Check your [Brightspace](#) for more information and to complete the module.

### Download MUN Safe

Download the [MUN Safe app](#) today to ensure quick notification in case of an emergency on campus or campus closures. You can also access many resources including Memorial's hazard and incident reporting tool, links to book a COVID-19 vaccine, complete your vaccine declaration form, the daily self-assessment, emergency plans, campus resources, and more. We all have a responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy campus and personal safety is the first priority.

## FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

### Meet Memorial – Welcome New Graduate Students

Congratulations again on your admission to graduate school! We're excited that you'll be starting your graduate studies at Memorial University. The School of Graduate Studies (SGS), your academic unit, and all of Memorial's service units are here to support you at every stage of your journey. Visit the School of Graduate Studies' [Meet Memorial webpage](#) for important information regarding graduate registration, Graduate Commons, MUN 501, Welcome Sessions, information sessions, and more. Please ensure you review and [follow the steps for new graduate students](#) (including information on registration, fees payment, IT services for graduate students, etc.). Also, please review the [resources for graduate students](#) page for specific information about the Fall 2021 semester.

### Grenfell Graduate Student Orientation is Underway!

This year's orientation includes a mix of social and academic events – everything from “Grocery Bingo” and campus tours to sessions on CV writing and academic integrity. The full graduate orientation schedule is available [here](#). For more information about Grenfell's graduate programs, visit the grad studies [website](#).

### Fall Convocation to Proceed in Person

Memorial University's fall 2021 convocation ceremonies will proceed in person this fall at the Arts and Culture Centre in St. John's. To ensure proper density and adherence with public health guidelines, the sessions will spread across two days: Thursday, Oct. 21, and Friday, Oct. 22. The schedule can be found [here](#). Graduates are able to register via Memorial Self-Service. Alternate plans are also under development in the event of changes to provincial risk levels. The event will be livestreamed for those who are not able to attend in person.

### Evening and weekend parking permits available

Get your evening and weekend parking permit by filling out the [Evening and Weekend Parking Request Form](#). You will receive a confirmation and a link to purchase your permit online at a cost of just \$13.92 a semester. These permits are valid between 3 p.m. and 7 a.m. daily. Permits are not available for purchase in person. Please note the

parking lottery for all-day permits is now complete and individuals who have received a permit have been notified.

### Looking for space to live on campus?

Spaces in residences on the St. John's campus have recently become available for the fall semester. Student Residences offer convenience, camaraderie and safety, and are a fantastic place to call your home away from home. More information and how to apply can be found on the [Residences](#) website.

### Virtual Career & Graduate School Fair – Wednesday, Sept. 29

Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic's Career & Graduate School Fair will be virtual again this year on Sept. 29 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. NDT. The fair hosts a number of employers and graduate programs to connect students and alumni with potential career options and opportunities. Come virtually network with staff from a wide range of industries, seek out current full-time or co-op employment prospects, connect with other educational institutions regarding post-graduate programs, and more. Students are encouraged to pre-register, create a profile and practice using the platform before the day of the Fair. For more information, visit the [Student Life website](#), and [click here to register](#).

## OTHER GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On Thursday, Sept. 30, Memorial University will be closed to observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Any changes to the academic calendar will be communicated to students in advance.

### 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](mailto:mce@mun.ca) or book a meeting [here](#).

## SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

## Study Spaces on Campus

To ensure the health and safety of the university community, we have identified and designated the following study spaces on our campuses that follow all public health guidelines.

- [Remote Learning Classrooms](#) - designated spaces for students to attend remote lectures while on-campus
- [Individual & Group Study Spaces](#) - bookable study spaces at Memorial Libraries and other campus locations
- [Computer Labs](#) - Computers and printing services are available for drop-in use in The Commons (QEII Library), Teachers' Legacy Rotunda, Hatcher Commons, Teaching & Learning Commons (ED-5006), and Chemistry-Physics Computer Lab (C-2003)

## 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](#).

## 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.

## 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 provide a variety of [online resources](#) to help guide you through the research process in the current remote teaching and learning environment.

## 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:computerrepair@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. 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](mailto: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 whether in-person or remotely!

### 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](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.

### 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

### September 22, 2021, Wednesday

- End of Regular Registration Period and last day for graduate students to add courses, Fall semester

### September 29, 2021, Wednesday

- Final date for departments to submit Recommendation for Award of Degree in order for graduate students to be deregistered from Graduate Registration 9000/Medicine 9900 without incurring any liability for continuance fees, Fall semester
- Final date for graduate students to request a leave of absence from programs without incurring liability for tuition fees, Fall semester
- Final date for graduate students to withdraw from programs without incurring liability for tuition fees, Fall semester
- Final date for new graduate students to request a deferral of admission without incurring liability for tuition fees, Fall semester

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

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Date/Time	Offering	Skillset
<b>September 23, 2021</b>		
1-2 pm NT	<a href="#">Asked and Answered: Demystifying Academia</a>	Learning & Research
<b>September 24, 2021 DEADLINE</b>		
Various	<a href="#">Memorial Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP)</a>	Management & Responsibility
<b>September 28, 2021</b>		
12-1 pm NT	<a href="#">Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP) Q&amp;A Drop-In Session</a>	Management & Responsibility
<b>September 28, 2021</b>		
1-2 pm NT	<a href="#">Best Practices for Video Conferencing</a>	Communication & Teamwork
<b>September 29, 2021</b>		
9 am-5 pm NT	<a href="#">Virtual Career &amp; Graduate School Fair</a> (For MUN Students & Alumni)	Management & Responsibility
<b>September 29, 2021</b>		
1-2 pm NT	<a href="#">Developing a Successful Resume and Cover Letter</a>	Communication & Teamwork

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

## CAMPUS NEWS

### #MUNWelcome21

In pictures: students bring life to Memorial once more. [Read more.](#)

### Matchmakers

Program provides MBA students, startups with 'invaluable' experience. [Read more.](#)

### Breakthroughs and advances

Health-related studies benefit from more than \$1-million federal investment. [Read more.](#)

### Hidden Memorial

Take a virtual tour through the old Battery Hotel. [Read more.](#)

### Rising enrolment

Memorial's campuses continue to see record enrolment. [Read more.](#)

## SPOTLIGHT

### Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate student Shannon talks about their journey to completing their grad program, and discusses the importance of taking your time and being patient with yourself. Read more of Shannon and our other bloggers' posts on the [Graduate Student Blog](#).