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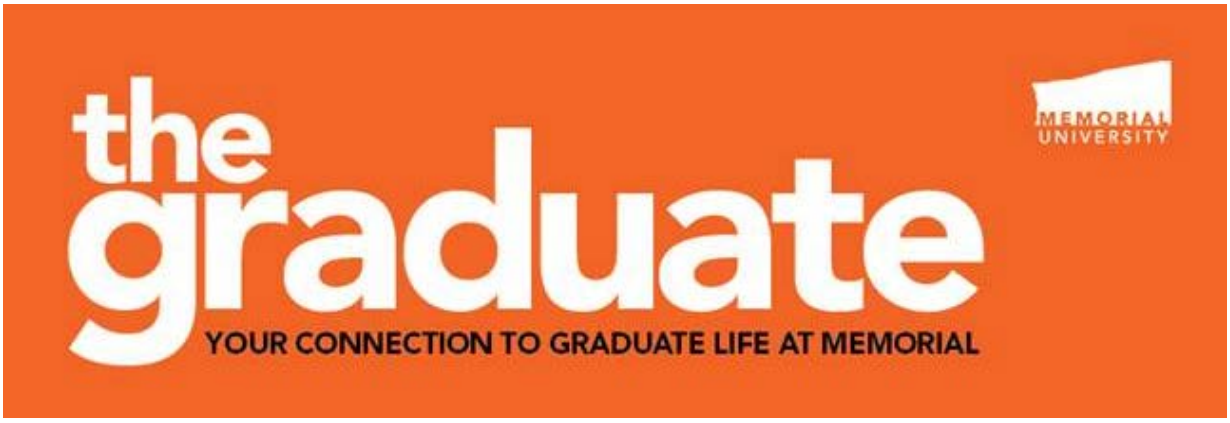

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FROM THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Winter 2021 Semester

The university will continue to operate in a primarily remote teaching and learning environment for the winter 2021 semester. This decision was taken in a special meeting of the university Senate today. Read more in the Gazette.

Student Fees for Winter 2021

Memorial's Board of Regents has approved the suspension of two student fees for the Winter 2021 semester. Memorial students will not be charged the Distance Education Administration Fee and Recreation Fee for the Winter 2021 semester.

Course Offerings and Graduate Registration for Winter 2021 Semester

Course offerings for the winter 2021 semester are now available. Course information is still being received and updated, please check the course offerings again before you register. Registration for graduate students for Winter 2021 opens on November 30, 2020 and closes on January 20, 2021. The deadline for fees payment for Winter 2021 is January 6, 2021. For more information, please review the registration procedures for graduate students. Please ensure you register by the appropriate deadline.

Internationalization Information Sessions

Immigration Information Sessions are held every Thursday from 12:30-1:30pm NLST. These sessions will be held remotely through Brightspace. For more information and to register, please visit the Internationalization Office website.

Memorial endorses COVID Alert app

Recently the province of Newfoundland and Labrador adopted the new COVID Alert app to help prevent the spread of the virus. The app is designed to let Canadians know whether they may have been exposed to COVID-19. Memorial is endorsing the app and encourages faculty, staff and students to voluntarily download the app for free to help protect yourself and others. A link to the app is available in MUN Safe. More information is available here.

Research Week set for November 23-27

Dr. Neil Bose, vice-president (research), invites all members of the university community to get involved with Research Week 2020, scheduled for November 23-27. For more information and a calendar of events, please visit the Office of Research website.

Strategic Plan Survey

Consultations have begun on Memorial University's new strategic plan with the intent to engage all members of the university community in defining a shared vision for the future. The strategic planning team wants to hear from you! Fill out this survey and help determine the future of Memorial. If you have any questions, please reach out to strategicplanning@mun.ca or visit the Strategic Planning website.

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

Memorial's 2020 virtual Three Minute Thesis Competition is taking place on Monday, November 30. The 3MT is a world-wide research communication competition for graduate students. For more information and to apply, please visit the 3MT website.

Public Engagement Postdoctoral Fellowship Program now accepting applications

The Office of Public Engagement is offering fellowships to help support the creation of postdoctoral positions focused on publicly engaged work. Each fellowship is for a two-year term, with the partnering faculty member providing 50 per cent of the $50,000 salary (plus half of MERCs), with the Office of Public Engagement providing the other 50 per cent. For full details, please see the program guide. Applications will be accepted through the OPE's fund hub until December 8. Further questions can be directed to: engagement@mun.ca.

Online International Arctic School

An Online International Arctic School will be hosted by Harbin Institute of Technology (China) from January 6-17. This Arctic School is open to students from UArctic consortium institutions, which Memorial is proud be a member of. The topic of the International Arctic School this year will be “POPs and Chemicals of Emerging Arctic Concerns (CEACs) in the Arctic under Climate Change”. Graduate students from any discipline may apply to attend. For more information, visit the Internationalization Office website.

Flu shot clinics added at Student Wellness and Counselling Centre

The Student Wellness and Counselling Centre is offering flu shot clinics to all students, faculty, staff, retirees and their families. Upcoming clinics will be held on Nov. 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18. Please note: you must book an appointment! For more information and to book your appointment, visit the Student Wellness and Counselling Centre website.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

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. To book an appointment with SWCC’s counsellor for graduate students, please email complete 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 an online service during the suspension of on-campus classes. For more information about online service, please visit the Writing Centre's website or email writing@mun.ca.

On-Campus Study Space

Limited, individual on-campus study space can now be booked for time slots at the following locations: Queen Elizabeth II Library, Health Sciences Library, and Grenfell Campus. For more info and online bookings, see https://www.library.mun.ca/covid-19/study-spaces/. The Education Library and Marine Institute Library are finalizing their schedules. Check the Library website and the Library's social media channels for more information in the coming days.

Study space in the GEO Centre

Looking for great space to study? The Geo Centre has you covered. Tables are available Sunday to Thursday, 6:30-9:30pm. Blackouts dates may apply. For more information or to book your table, please visit the GEO Centre website.

Getting you Campus Card

All students are asked to request their Campus Card online through my.mun.ca, under the "Student Services" tab. All Campus Cards requested online will be mailed to your home address.

Join a club or society

If you're looking to get involved in the campus community you can browse through the list of ratified clubs and societies on the Graduate Students' Union website.

The Commons

The Commons is bringing its tutoring services to you! From formatting papers in Word, to taking professional headshots at home, to designing your own video game, we're offering free, virtual workshops throughout the Fall. Register here! Do you have a specific question? 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.

Beyond the Professoriate

Beyond the Professoriate is hosting a series of events to support graduate student and postdoctoral professional and career development. These events are free and open to anyone. For a list of events and registration information, please visit the

Beyond the Professoriate website.

Memorial University Bookstore

The Memorial University Bookstore on St. John's campus has new hours. The bookstore will be open 11am-3pm, Monday to Friday. Please note the service window on the first floor of the University Centre has closed for web order pickups. All web orders can be picked up in-store, once you've received the email indicating your order is ready.

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 Storefor 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. 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

November 11, 2020, Wednesday

- Remembrance Day holiday, no lectures

November 18, 2020, Wednesday

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

November 30, 2020, Monday

- Registration begins for graduate students, Winter semester 2021

December 4, 2020, Friday

- Lectures end, Fall semester

December 9, 2020, Wednesday

- Examinations begin, Fall semester

December 18, 2020, Friday

- Examinations end, Fall semester

For a list of all dates and deadlines, please visit the University Diary.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Four Things to Consider for Graduate Student Teaching

This session discusses and explores specific areas to consider for graduate students in teaching. It focuses on four key lessons for graduate students to focus on to

improve their classroom performance, demonstrate effective learning and become better teachers!
Date and Time: Tuesday, November 17, 1-2pm NT/9:30-10:30am MT
Mode: Online
Presenter: Dr. Tom Cooper, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business Administration
REGISTER HERE

Intellectual Property (IP) 101

This session will provide an introduction to Intellectual Property (IP) and Memorial's Technology, Transfer and Commercialization team. It will cover the basics of IP, delving into copyright, trade secrets, trademarks and patents which are all different methods of IP protection that are utilized at Memorial. Finally, the session reviews IP ownership, inventorship and the disclosure process. This overview will help attendees understand when to engage with the team, important IP considerations for students, and how we can help move ideas toward commercial opportunities.
Date and Time: Thursday, November 19, 1-2pm NT/9:30-10:30am MT
Mode: Online
Presenters: Dr. Paula Mendonça and Kara Strickland, Intellectual Property Officers
REGISTER HERE

Leadership Skills for Success in Graduate School and Beyond

You don't have to be a CEO to require leadership skills. Demonstrating leadership skills in your research teams, course work teams, at your part-time job can enhance your graduate learning experience as well as better prepare you for your career after graduation. This session will discuss various leadership styles, discuss the difference between management and leading, and help you discover how to better hone your leadership skills.
Date and Time: Thursday, November 25, 12-1pm NT/8:30-9:30am MT
Mode: Online
Presenter: Dr. Amy Warren, Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies
REGISTER HERE

Writing Café for Graduate Students

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 thesis/research writing. She will discuss tips, techniques and strategies to start writing and to keep going. This is an interactive session so bring your questions and your cup of coffee. Feel free to attend even if you don't if you have questions. If you'd like to forward questions prior to the session, or can't attend but still have questions, please email cbadenhorst@mun.ca. Everyone is welcome!
Date and Time: Thursday, November 26, 11am-12pm NT/7:30-8:30am MT
Mode: Online
Presenter: Dr. Cecile Badenhorst, Associate Professor, Adult Education/Post-Secondary, Faculty of Education
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Communicating Effectively in an Intercultural Professional Setting

This talk will discuss ways to enhance one's ability to communicate in a professional setting particularly in intercultural multi-linguistic contexts. That is when participants are of diverse cultural and linguistic background and breakdowns in communication could more easily occur. We will look at how professional communication has changed in recent years and especially over the last few months, due to a surge in remote working, the rise of geographically dispersed teams, the upward trend of outsourcing, and steady growth in workplace diversity. Discussing why being a good communicator is so important in today's professional world, we will look at what effective communication entails and how one can learn this competence so valued by employers. Lastly, from the use and overuse of acronyms and jargon to Kaplan's five models for structuring an argument, this talk will highlight potential pitfalls to keep in mind.
Date and Time: Tuesday, December 1, 1-2pm NT/9:30-10:30 MT
Mode: Online
Presenter: Dr. Cristina Fabretto, Per-Course Teaching-Term Appointee, Italian, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures
REGISTER HERE

Best Practices for Video Conferencing: Things to consider when connecting to a video conference as an organizer, presenter, instructor or participant!

In this presentation you'll learn about the fundamentals of video conferencing and what you should be responsible for regarding your contribution to the experience. The conversation will be about universal features and function so that these tips can be applied to any video conferencing solution you end up using whether it be Skype for Business, WebEx, Zoom or others. We will also talk about expectations of the various roles that make up a conference such as a presenter or attendee.
Date and Time: Thursday, December 3, 1-2pm NT/9:30-10:30 MT
Mode: Online
Presenter: Darcy Andrews, Classroom Technologist, Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL)
REGISTER HERE

For more professional development opportunities for graduate students, please visit the EDGE website.

CAMPUS NEWS

'Innovation to market'

Program focusing on training PhDs, post-doctoral scholars to become corporate innovators. Read more.

First graduate

Co-housing leader among Canada's inaugural class of MBA-SEE. Read more.

‘Well prepared’

Memorial approved to welcome new international students, oversee travel and isolation requirements. Read more.

Her next move

New fall graduate rolls with COVID-19 punches at Grenfell. Read more.

Change of direction

Marine Institute graduate applies math skills to fish stock assessment. Read more.

Finding inspiration

Master of social work graduate turns struggles into learning. Read more.

MAEP student and graduate tackle plastic pollution in Gros Morne

A current graduate student and an alumna of the master of arts in environmental policy at Grenfell Campus recently presented a Facebook Live talk titled "Tackling plastic pollution in Gros Morne National Park." Read more.

For more news around campus, please visit *The Gazette*.

SPOTLIGHT

Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate student Sydney discusses several tips and strategies she uses to maintain balance in her life. Read more of Sydney and our other bloggers’ posts on the Graduate Student Blog.

Graduate Student Success

Hailing from a small town in Pennsylvania, Sarah Moriarty came to Memorial to study marine mineral resources with Dr. John Jamieson in the Department of Earth Sciences. Since starting her M.Sc., Sarah’s gotten lots of hands-on field work and networking opportunities (on top of her on-campus experience)—like exploring the Pacific seafloor in a submarine, working in a lab at Harvard University, and going on two international research cruises. Her end goal? To help increase our understanding of natural resources as the world moves towards a greener and more technologically advanced economy. Read more.