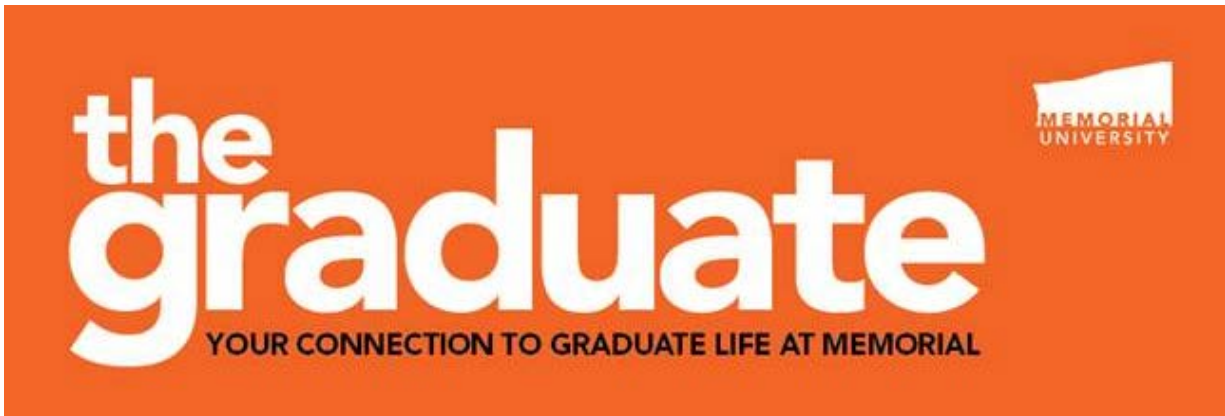


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The School of Graduate Studies wishes everyone a happy holiday season!

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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

Delayed Winter Semester Start

Memorial University will delay the official start date of Winter 2021 classes in most programs at the St. John's campus, Grenfell Campus and Marine Institute to January 11. For more information please visit the [Gazette](#).

Graduate Registration for Winter 2021 Semester

Registration for graduate students for Winter 2021 is now open and closes on January 25, 2021. The deadline for fees payment for Winter 2021 is January 11, 2021. For more information, please review the [registration procedures for graduate students](#).

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. [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.

Meeting with New Graduate Students

The School of Graduate Studies will be hosting a meeting with new graduate students on December 4 at 12pm. Students can register for this session online and connection details will be included in your confirmation email. New graduate students are also encouraged to review the [Meet Memorial](#) webpage for important details regarding starting your graduate program.

Returning to Newfoundland and Labrador

It may be possible for international students to return to Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) to commence or continue your studies, as [The Government of Canada has updated regulations regarding international student travel to Canada](#).

Memorial University is now on the [official list of designated learning institutions \(DLI\) with an approved COVID-19 isolation plan](#) for student arrivals. This means that if you meet all of the criteria to leave your home and enter Canada, we will be able to facilitate your entry to NL and subsequent mandatory self-isolation period.

If you have a valid study permit/or have received final approval for study permit and are planning to come/return to NL then please review the [Internationalization Office](#) website and complete the form provided. Please do not make travel arrangement until your travel has been approved by the Internationalization Office.

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](#).

Powered by Graduate Research

Grenfell's graduate students were highlighted in the "[Powered by Grenfell](#)" 2019 Research Report, which was launched November 27. Three students in each of the [MA in Environmental Policy](#), [M.Sc. in Boreal and Agricultural Sciences](#), and [MFA in Visual Arts](#) programs were highlighted in a graduate student section titled "[Powered by Graduate Research](#)."

Survey Results on Remote Student Experience

[Results of an institution-wide student survey](#) on the remote learning experience in fall 2020 are now available. This survey was sent to approximately 19,000 Memorial University students who completed courses this fall and are eligible to register for the winter 2021 semester; about 19 per cent of students completed the survey. Results are currently being shared with instructors to help inform their plans for remote teaching in the coming winter semester.

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.

The Get Outside Challenge

The sustainability team at Memorial University is challenging students to get outside, even if it is cold! We believe it is important to recognize the value of natural spaces and the impact they can have on our lives. For the challenge students must get outside, find a natural space, take a picture, and send it to sustainability@gsumun.ca with the approximate location. The deadline for submissions is December 18.

Weekly Wellness tips and Wellness Wednesdays

University students juggle a lot! It's important to take care of yourself and maintain your physical and mental health. That is why we are excited to launch our new wellness series which will include #MUNWellnessWednesday on social media with tips, helpful resources, wellness supports and information to support you in taking care of your physical and mental health. Follow the MUN Students [Facebook](#) and

[Twitter](#) pages and the Memorial University [Instagram account](#) every Wednesday for Wellness Wednesday posts. Take care of you!

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 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. 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

December 4, 2020, Friday

- Lectures end, Fall semester

December 9, 2020, Wednesday

- Examinations begin, Fall semester

December 18, 2020, Friday

- Examinations end, Fall semester

January 6, 2021, Wednesday

- Lectures begin for Faculties of Medicine, Engineering and Applied Science and Nursing, Winter semester.

January 11, 2021, Wednesday

- Deadline for fees payment.
- Lectures begin (excluding Faculties of Medicine, Engineering and Applied Science and Nursing), Winter semester.

January 18, 2021, Wednesday

- Final date for receipt, by the Registrar, of replacement grades for "INCOMPLETE" grades in undergraduate and graduate courses, Fall semester 2020
- Final date for submission of Master's and Doctoral Theses and Reports for examination, by candidates who expect to receive their degree at the Spring Convocation 2021. Theses and Reports received after this date will be processed as time and resources permit.

January 25, 2021, Wednesday

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

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

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

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](#)

Your Career Journey: A Reflection on Graduate Student Career Competencies

To navigate a transition to the world of work or further graduate studies it is imperative you understand the competencies you have gained during your education journey. This session will allow you to reflect on those competencies and begin a deeper appreciation for the competencies gained.

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 8, 1-2pm NT/9:30 - 10:30 MT

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Rhonda Joy](#), Associate Dean, Graduate Programs and Research, Faculty of Education

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CV Essentials

What are the qualities of a good CV and what is its purpose? A CV is an archive of your academic history that is used in different ways by different people throughout your academic career. Learn about the critical aspects of developing and enhancing your academic CV by:

- Incorporating Data – The CV is a database as well as your personal archive. Referees analyze the 'data' in your CV to craft individualized and specific reference letters.
- Focusing on the individual – Your CV is unique to you, and your position in your career. It's important not to compare with others when critiquing your own CV.
- Growing a Living Document – Different aspects of your CV can shine for specific opportunities, and by reviewing your CV for each new opportunity you can customize your CV for maximum impact.

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 9, 1-2pm NT/9:30 - 10:30 MT

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Meghan Burchell](#), Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology
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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, December 17, 11am-12pm NT/7:30 - 8:30 am MT

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Cecile Badenhorst](#), Associate Professor, Adult Education/Post-Secondary, Faculty of Education

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

CAMPUS NEWS

Funding for the future

PhD researchers secure \$360,000 for complex societal studies. [Read more.](#)

Hard to soft

Scientists create surprising new material from mussel shell waste. [Read more.](#)

Binge drinking and the brain

PhD graduate plans to apply doctoral research to practical setting. [Read more.](#)

'Transformative' potential

Memorial University to benefit from \$2.75-billion tech giant merger. [Read more.](#)

Fostering innovation

More than \$1.6-million provincial investment to strengthen research expertise. [Read more.](#)

'Accessible opportunities'

Memorial to offer support program for former youth in care. [Read more.](#)

Virtual mentors

Power of connection at work with MUN Mentors program. [Read more.](#)

Message for students

Holiday season travel restrictions; only essential travel recommended. [Read more.](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, graduate student Jack explains that thesis research and writing may not always go as planned, but that you shouldn't let it discourage you. You must accept what happens, trust your abilities, and keep moving forward. Read more of Jack 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.](#)