



RESEARCH OFFICE

## May 2024 MSVU Research Bulletin

Thursday, May 9, 2024

### Highlights:

#### EVENTS

- "The LGBT Purge: Why It Matters More Now Than Ever" with Michelle Douglas, May 15
- Black and Indigenous Speaker Series 2024: TBD
- Tri-Agency webinars about the new Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern
- The Canadian Sex Research Forum (October 24-26) calls for abstracts by June 2

#### FUNDING

- Internal Deadlines
- Tri-Agency opens the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships
- CIHR: Multiple Catalyst, Operating and Teams grants open
- SSHRC: New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Exploration Stream Competition
- NSERC: Discovery Horizons and Grants
- Canada Foundation for Innovation - John R. Evans Leaders Fund: Internal Deadline is May 15

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Research Office Staffing Updates

- Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Draft Call for Proposals 2025
- Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC) Policy – How it affects your research

For more information on any of the Research Bulletin items, please contact [research@msvu.ca](mailto:research@msvu.ca)

## EVENTS

### **Tri-Agency (CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC) Webinars for the New Policy**

The federal granting agencies are committed to providing Canada's research community with the most up to date information and best practices designed to reduce research security risks. They are offering webinars to help familiarize the research community with this new policy.

#### **Webinars in English:**

Thursday May 9, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EDT - [Register](#)

Tuesday May 28, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. EDT - [Register](#)

#### **Webinars in French:**

Monday, May 6, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. EDT - [Register](#)

Thursday, May 30, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EDT - [Register](#)

---

### **Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) Preparation Webinar for The New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Exploration Stream Competition**

All applicants interested in submitting a NOI for the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Exploration Stream Competition by August 27 and all research administrators, are invited to participate in one of the two preparatory upcoming webinars.

#### **NFRFE-2024 - NOI Webinar (English)**

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 1:00 p.m. | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

[Join link](#)

Webinar number: 2346 543 2566

Webinar password: xHQ5D3uX8mm

(94753389 from phones and video systems)

Join by phone: +1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Montreal), Access code: 234 654 32566

### **FNFRE-2024 - Webinaire Avis d'intention (French)**

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m. | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

[Join link](#)

Webinar number: 2340 187 8916

Webinar password: WFwnC7gPr82

(93962747 from phones and video systems)

Join by phone: +1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Montreal), Access code: 234 018 78916.

---

### **SSHRC Webinars about Connection Grants**

The federal granting agencies are committed to providing Canada's research community with the most up to date information and best practices designed to reduce research security risks. They are offering webinars to help familiarize the research community with this new policy.

#### **Webinar in English:**

Tuesday May 28 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ET

[WebEx Access](#)

Webinar number: 2340 636 0553

Webinar password: CG \_May24

#### **Webinar in French:**

Thursday May 30, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ET

[WebEx Access](#)

Webinar number: 2330 946 1721

Webinar password: SC\_mai2024

---

### **The Canadian Sex Research Forum (CSRF)**

[The Canadian Sex Research Forum \(CSRF\)](#) has issued a call for abstracts to their upcoming event, to be held in Halifax on October 24-26, 2024.

The CSRF offers a wonderful opportunity for students to present their research and to connect with other researchers in the field of sex research.

**The deadline for abstracts is June 2, 2024.**

---

### **Dietary Patterns in the Management of Cardiometabolic Disease: February 8 – June 6, 2024**

The Lawson Centre Digital Series aims to bridge this gap by providing physicians and healthcare providers with a comprehensive overview of topics in clinical nutrition relevant to primary care.

[Learn more & register!](#)

---

### **CIHR Q&A for Trainees and Postdoctoral Researchers in Health Research**

**Webinar in English:** Tuesday June 11 at 2 p.m. ADT

**Webinar in French:** Thursday June 13 at 2 p.m. ADT

[Register for one of the two sessions.](#)

---

## **Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Innovation Fund Information Sessions**

The CFI will present the details for the call for proposals for the 2025 Innovation Fund competition and provide an opportunity for potential applicants to ask questions at two virtual sessions. Recordings will also be available for those unable to attend.

[Register for the English session on June 18, from 1-2 p.m.](#)

[Register for the French session on June 19, from 1-2 p.m.](#)

---

### **Join Us for "The LGBT Purge: Why It Matters More Now Than Ever" with Michelle Douglas**

We're thrilled to share about an upcoming event during convocation week: a public talk by Michelle Douglas titled "**The LGBT Purge: Why It Matters More Now Than Ever.**" Michelle, the Executive Director of the LGBT Purge Fund, will be in Halifax to receive an **honorary degree from Mount Saint Vincent University** on the May 17 Convocation. Michelle will deliver her presentation on May 15th at the Halifax Public Library from 6 - 8 pm.

Michelle's talk will shed light on the historic discrimination faced by LGBTQI+ members of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and federal public service, especially during **the "LGBT Purge" of the 1950s to mid-1990s**, and the ongoing work toward reconciliation and memorialization.

Michelle was honourably discharged from the military in 1989 being deemed "Not Advantageously Employable Due to Homosexuality." She launched a landmark legal challenge against the military's discriminatory policies against LGBT service members that **resulted in the ending of Canada's discriminatory policies in 1992.**

Professionally, Michelle had a 30-year career in public service. She retired from the federal Department of Justice in 2019 where she held the position of Director of International Relations. She was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and was

presented with the Canada Pride Citation in 2023. She was recently named an Honorary Colonel in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Michelle will draw from her experience and discuss the need to hold fast to the hard-fought human rights of the 2SLGBTQI+ community. **Join us for this insightful, free, public event!**

Date: **Wed., May 15, 2024**

Time: **6-8 p.m.**

Location: **Halifax Public Library, The Living Room**

Address: **5440 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax, NS**

[Read Michelle Douglas' full biography.](#)

---

### **Black and Indigenous Speaker Series Featuring Randy Headley: Date to be determined**

Randy Headley's talk titled "Unpacking the Underrepresentation of Black Students in Research at MSVU" originally scheduled to place via MS Teams from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. AST on March 6th, was postponed. Updates regarding a new date and time are coming soon!

[Read more about this session.](#)

## FUNDING: INTERNAL

### Are you preparing a large-scale collaborative grant proposal?

Internal grants are available to support administrative or technical support, research team meetings, application coordination, or related needs.

Note: For timely processing, please ensure you are using the most up to date forms, found on our website [Internal Grants \(msvu.ca\)](#)

### Upcoming internal deadlines

- [Tri-Agency USRAs \(Fall Term, if applicable\): NSERC USRA, CIHR and SSHRC USRA Designated Awards](#) - Deadline: July 15

## FUNDING: EXTERNAL

### Tri-Agency Funding Opportunities: CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC

### Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Application deadline: 2024-09-17



The 2024-25 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Competition has [been launched](#). Should you have any questions, please contact [banting@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:banting@cihr-irsc.gc.ca).

[Access the opportunity's website for more information.](#)

## **Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Funding**

### **Catalyst Grant: STBBI Research in Canada: Beyond HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C**

- Application deadline: 2024-05-09

[Read the full details!](#)

---

### **Team Grant: Official Language Minority Communities in Health Research**

- Application deadline: 2024-05-14

[Read the full details!](#)

---

### **Team Grant: Embracing Diversity to Achieve Precision & Health Equity**

- Application deadline: 2024-06-13

[Read the full details!](#)

---

## **Operating Grant: Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND)**

- Application deadline: 2024-06-25

[Read the full details!](#)

---

## **Operating Grant: 17th JPIAMR Transnational Call for Research Projects (2024)**

- Application deadline: 2024-07-09

[Read the full details!](#)

---

## **Team Grant: Brain Health and Cognitive Impairment in Aging KM Hub**

- Application deadline: 2024-07-10

[Read the full details!](#)

---

## **Catalyst Grant: Community Based Research in Climate Change Priority Areas**

- Letter of intent to apply (LOI) deadline: 2024-08-14
- Full application deadline: 2024-09-12

[Read the full details!](#)

---

## **Operating Grant: ECRs in Human Development, Child and Youth Health**

- Letter of intent to apply (LOI) deadline: 2024-09-4
- Full application deadline: 2024-09-24

[Read the full details!](#)

## **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Funding**

### **Partnership Engage Grants (Deadline rescheduled to earlier date)**

- Application Deadline: May 22 (**previously June 15**), September 15, December 15 (9 p.m. AST)

[Read the full details!](#)

For any questions, please contact [partnershipengagegrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnershipengagegrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca).

---

### **Connection Grants (Deadline rescheduled to earlier date)**

- Application Deadline: May 1, June 20 (**previously August 1**), November 1

[Read the full details!](#)

For any questions, please contact [connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca).

---

## **New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Exploration Stream Competition**

- Notice of intent to apply (NOI) deadline: 2024-08-27 (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)
- Full application deadline: 2024-11-5 (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)

The New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Exploration stream competition was launched on April 30th, 2024.

Applications at each stage must be submitted by the institution's research administrators. Research administrators are free to set their own internal deadlines.

[Read the full details!](#)

[Access the competition via the Convergence Portal.](#)

## **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Funding**

### **Discovery Horizons (Pilot)**

- Letter of intent to apply (LOI) deadline: 2024-06-14
- Full application deadline: 2024-10-18

Discovery Horizons grants support investigator-initiated individual and team projects that broadly integrate or transcend disciplines to advance knowledge in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE).

[Read the full details!](#)

For more information email [horizons@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:horizons@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

---

## Discovery Grants (Individual) Program

- Letter of intent to apply (LOI) deadline: 2024-08-1
- Full application deadline: 2024-11-1

The Discovery Grants (DG) program assists in:

- promoting and maintaining a diversified base of high-quality research capability in the natural sciences and engineering in Canadian universities
- fostering research excellence
- providing a stimulating environment for research training.

[Read the full details!](#)

For more information email [resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:resgrant@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

---

## PromoScience

- Application deadline: 2024-09-15

NSERC's PromoScience Program offers financial support for organizations working with young Canadians to promote an understanding of science and engineering (including mathematics and technology).

[Read the full details!](#)

---

## No Application Deadline:

- [NSERC - Alliance-MITACS Accelerate](#)
- [NSERC - Alliance Advantage \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](#)
- [NSERC - Alliance International \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](#)

- [NSERC - Alliance Quantum grants \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](https://nserc-crsng.gc.ca)
- [NSERC Indigenous Student Ambassadors \(NISA\)](#)

## Other External Funding

### Canada Foundation for Innovation - John R. Evans Leaders Fund

- Internal application deadline: 2024-05-15
- External application deadline: 2024-06-15
- Next external application deadline: 2024-10-15

[Learn more about this opportunity!](#)

If you are considering applying for funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), reach out to the MSVU Research Office early with any questions or for support with your application.

---

### Discovery Awards

The Discovery Awards honour individuals who have demonstrated exceptional creativity, innovation, and impact in their professional pursuits. Whether it's groundbreaking research, transformative teaching methodologies, or influential community engagement, we seek to spotlight those who have made a significant difference in their disciplines and beyond.

- **Nomination deadline:** 2024-05-31
- **Discovery Centre Award Categories:** Emerging Professional, Innovation, Professional of Distinction
  - [Read the nomination guidelines](#)

By recognizing the achievements of your peers, you not only celebrate their contributions but also inspire others to reach new heights in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math). Your nomination could be the catalyst for acknowledging years of hard work and

dedication, shining a spotlight on deserving individuals whose work may otherwise go unnoticed.

The 22nd annual Discovery Awards will take place at the Halifax Convention Centre on November 14, 2024.

If you have any questions, contact [llaurence@thediscoverycentre.ca](mailto:llaurence@thediscoverycentre.ca)

[Learn more about this opportunity!](#)

---

### **Public Impact Award - Nominations are open for 2024**

The Public Impact Award, presented by Research Nova Scotia, recognizes a Nova Scotian researcher in academia, a public research institution, government, or the private sector, whose research has benefited Nova Scotians by tangibly improving the economy, environment, healthcare system, or society. The recipient's work was developed in response to the needs of society, and is solving a problem, managing a risk, or creating an opportunity for Nova Scotians.

Nominations are due 2024-05-31, at 1 p.m. (ADT).

[Learn more and make a nomination.](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Staffing Announcements**

#### **Many Thanks to Derra!**

On behalf of the Research Office at MSVU, we are sorry to have to say farewell to our Research Grants Coordinator, Derra Truscott. Derra joined the Research Office in July 2023 and her last day will be May 17, 2024.

In Derra's absence, please direct all research grant enquiries to [research@msvu.ca](mailto:research@msvu.ca).

---

## **New Faces in the Research Office!**

We are excited to announce our new Administrative Assistant, Adriana Quezada, will be joining the Research Office starting Monday, May 13th. Adriana joins us as a recent graduate and administrative assistant from Dalhousie University.

Suwela Paim Vassoa also joined our office earlier this week as our Communications and Special Projects Intern for the summer term. Suwela is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Public Relations with a minor in Marketing at MSVU.

Please stop by and say hello to Adriana and Suwela!.

---

## **Research and MSVU Announcements**

### **Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Draft Call for Proposals 2025**

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has announced the release of [the draft call for proposals for the 2025 Innovation Fund competition](#).

CFI welcomes feedback from the Canadian research community and other stakeholders until May 17, 2024. The input received will be considered when preparing the official call for proposals for 2025, which will be posted in early June 2024.

Please send your comments to [innovation.fund@innovation.ca](mailto:innovation.fund@innovation.ca) by May 17, 2024.

---

### **Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC) Policy**

In accordance with the [Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC\) Policy](#), grant applications submitted by a university or affiliated research institution to the federal granting agencies and the Canada Foundation for Innovation involving research that



aims to advance a [Sensitive Technology Research Area](#) will not be funded if any of the researchers involved in activities supported by the grant are currently affiliated with, or in receipt of funding or in-kind support, from a [Named Research Organization](#).

The federal granting agencies are implementing the STRAC Policy in a harmonized manner, to funding opportunities that launched as of May 1, 2024. Further guidance, including detailed procedures and a [list of funding opportunities](#) that will apply this Policy, have been published through the [Tri-Agency Guidance on the STRAC Policy](#) webpage.

Please consult the appropriate funding opportunity literature to determine whether the STRAC Policy applies and, where applicable, for any additional information on procedures to be followed.

---

### **Resulting Changes for rolling intake funding opportunities, such as Alliance**

As of May 1, 2024, new requirements will apply to [all Alliance grant applications](#) aiming to advance a listed sensitive technology research area. Further information on these new requirements, including [new responsibilities of researchers](#) and [responsibilities of institutions](#), are provided on the [Tri-Agency Guidance on the STRAC Policy](#) webpage.

This includes, at the application phase, a requirement for researchers in named roles to complete the [Attestation for Research Aiming to Advance Sensitive Technology Research Areas Form](#).

**Submission of Alliance applications will temporarily pause, starting on April 26 at 12:00pm EDT, to enable the necessary changes to [the online system](#) supporting these updated requirements. Applicants will be able to submit their Alliance applications starting May 3, 2024.**

Note that all applications currently being prepared in NSERC's online system, but not yet submitted by the pause, will need to include the completed attestation form(s) if that application aims to advance a listed [sensitive technology research area](#).

---

## **Tri-Agency Guidance on Research Security**

The federal research funding agencies also encourage consulting [the Safeguarding your Research portal](#), which provides additional resources and tools for the academic community to assess and mitigate security risks associated with their research.

To learn more about the Canada Foundation for Innovation's implementation of research security measures, please consult [its dedicated guidance page](#).

---

## **MSVU Pride Lunch & Learns**

Are you working in the area of 2SLGBTQIA+ research? Are you interested in sharing your research with others at MSVU at one of our upcoming MSVU Pride 'lunch and learns'?

If so, please reach out to [keltie.jones@msvu.ca](mailto:keltie.jones@msvu.ca) to put your name forward or to get more information.

---

## **Call for MSVU Dimensions Chair**

The MSVU Dimensions Committee is still looking for a 2024 Chair.

As of April, MSVU was named a member of the Dimensions program which publicly recognizes postsecondary institutions seeking to increase equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in their environments and across the research ecosystem.

The Dimensions Committee will meet monthly throughout the academic year to discuss how to continue to move this initiative forward, specifically the actions within our [Dimensions Action Plan](#).

If you are interested, please contact [research@msvu.ca](mailto:research@msvu.ca)!

---

## Call for Presentations: Research Over Coffee

Are you an expert researcher in a topic of interest to Nova Scotians? Does your work grapple with issues confronting municipal, provincial, or federal governments? RNS is seeking interested academics for their 2023-24 Research Over Coffee series. Research Nova Scotia and Dalhousie University launched the webinar series Research Over Coffee in 2020 to enable Nova Scotia researchers to share their expertise on pressing issues with government decision makers.

If you're interested in presenting your research to government stakeholders, please send a 250-word overview of your presentation to [stephanie.reid@researchns.ca](mailto:stephanie.reid@researchns.ca).

---

## In-House Researcher Expertise Database

To better connect MSVU researchers with media inquiries, the Research Office maintains a comprehensive database of our in-house researcher expertise. Please take a moment to fill out this brief form regarding your research interest and expertise (MSVU sign-in required) and contact [research@msvu.ca](mailto:research@msvu.ca) if you have any questions.

[Complete the Researcher Database Form!](#)

## RESOURCES & TIPS

### Information Technology & Systems

#### Software Catalogue

Looking for software for your research? MSVU has many software applications available for use on MSVU and personal devices for students, faculty and staff. [Read the full Software Catalogue!](#)

---

## Online Research Security Courses

Industry Canada provides three free research security courses. You can access the courses on [the Industry Canada Safeguarding Your Research website](#).

---

## Update to Microsoft 365 Data Residency

Over the past few years, Microsoft has made some changes as to where (in Canada or in the USA) it stores your data. While there are no legal issues with university staff and faculty storing personal information in the USA through your MSVU Microsoft 365 account, some people, like researchers, might need or want to store their data in Canada only. [For more details, please see the updated Microsoft 365 Data Residency document](#).

---

## MSVU Cybersecurity Training

[Sign up for free MSVU cybersecurity training!](#)

---

## Smashing Smishing: SMS Text Message Scams

When a scammer sends phishing texts, it's called "smishing" for "SMS phishing". Learn more about red flags, common phishing emails and more by [visiting the MSVU Phishing webpage!](#) Remember to report any emails you think are malicious to [phishing@msvu.ca](mailto:phishing@msvu.ca)

---

## Social Media Safety Tips

Stay informed about potential risks to your privacy on social media websites like Instagram, Facebook, Twitter (X) and TikTok. [Visit the social media safety tips webpage to learn about privacy settings, antivirus software, and more!](#)

## Research Data Management (RDM)

### Research Management Online Survey

As part of a wider Nova Scotia Open Research project, members of the Visnea organization are **asking** for participants in a Research Management Online Survey. Please feel free to share this with any colleagues in Nova Scotia. Any questions can be directed to [m.pawlowska@visnea.org](mailto:m.pawlowska@visnea.org). [Complete the survey!](#)

---

### RDM at MSVU

To access the **MSVU Research Data Management (RDM) Strategy**, please click the following link: [Research Data Management Strategy](#)

To learn more, visit <https://www.msvu.ca/research-at-the-mount/research-data-management-rdm/>.

For questions on Research Data Management, contact [selena.macdonald27@msvu.ca](mailto:selena.macdonald27@msvu.ca)

---

### First-of-its-kind open textbook on RDM in Canada

[Read the Research Data Management in the Canadian Context: A Guide for Practitioners and Learners](#) (Kristi Thompson et al., eds.). This is an open, peer-reviewed textbook.

---

## Qualitative Data Sharing (QDS) Toolkit

Looking for tips and tricks for qualitative data sharing? [View the full Qualitative Data Sharing \(QDS\) Toolkit webpage toolkit!](#)

### More Resources

- [Link: Research and Special Projects Handbook](#)
- [Link: Responsible Conduct of Research Policy](#)
- [Link: SVU Research Resources Intranet](#)
- [Link: National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](#)

---

## Queen's University Grant Funding Database

Queen's University has developed a searchable funding database of grants that are available to the public. Able to be searched by discipline and deadline, this website showcases 300+ available funding opportunities for those in Canada.

[Read more on Queen's University webpage.](#)

---

## NSERC's Newest EDI Resources

NSERC is taking action to help the natural sciences and engineering (NSE) research communities contribute to a more equitable, diverse and inclusive research enterprise, with a new tool-guide. This guide provides the research communities served by NSERC with information and resources to help include EDI considerations in their research.

[Read more!](#)

---

## 50-30 Challenge Toolkit

Within this toolkit, you will find information on the following:

- **Resources to Recruit:** Unlock the power of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in your organization.
- **Resources to Retain:** Retain and nurture diverse talent for organizational success.
- **Resources to Include:** Foster the growth and development of diverse talent within your organization.

[View the full toolkit!](#)

---

If you have specific items you would like to see listed, please contact [research@msvu.ca](mailto:research@msvu.ca)! [Read past bulletins on our website!](#)

**The Research Office is funded, in part, by the Research Support Fund. [Click to learn more.](#)**

