

# RESEARCH *Matters*

Trent University, January 2021 Edition



*The Office of Research & Innovation's monthly e-bulletin celebrates research at Trent University and provides service and funding opportunity information for researchers.*



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Dear Colleagues, Happy New Year! Although the international vaccination process is bringing some hope in combatting the COVID pandemic, as of January 12, 2021, the province of Ontario is officially under a second state of emergency until at least February 11, 2021.

There have been no changes to research restrictions and "businesses and organizations that maintain research facilities and engage in research" are permitted to remain open under the Reopening Ontario Act. On the Trent University Peterborough and Durham campuses researchers are urged to work from home unless the research does not allow for this. Further communication will be issued from the university in the event that changes are required. I would like to recognize that this is a particularly challenging time for research with human participants - requiring innovation, pivoting and in some cases, pausing the work altogether.

On behalf of the Office of Research and Innovation, I am so pleased to welcome Dr. Naomi Nichols (CRC, Community-Partnered Social Justice) and Dr. Anne Pasek (CRC, Media, Culture and the Environment) to the university as Trent's newest Canada Research Chairs. Trent is now home to an **impressive nine CRCs** who enrich our work at Trent and influence our thinking much more broadly with their leading-edge research. I encourage faculty, staff and students to

read more about Dr. Nichols and Dr. Pasek in this issue of Research Matters - and watch their videos of introduction. I welcome your input and feedback, especially now as the New Year brings a fresh start for many initiatives.

With best wishes,  
Cathy Bruce

## PICTURE THIS! CONTRIBUTE TO A NEW RESEARCH & INNOVATION WEBSITE

Now seeking Bold, Brilliant and Interesting Images for the new website! Researchers are invited to share their awe-inspiring research photos to be featured on the refreshed Research & Innovation website, coming soon. The top three researchers who provide images for the website will receive an R & I swag basket including a jacket or jersey, portfolio and wine glasses as well as rotating monthly credited coverage on the new website!

Please send images to [research@trentu.ca](mailto:research@trentu.ca) by **March 1, 2021**.



# From the Office of

## RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year! The ORI team has provided a set of frequently asked questions and answers (below) to help with communication and information sharing while we develop process and service enhancements. Improving service for doing research at Trent will include the launch of a centralized inquiry system this month. We look forward to staying connected with you while we implement helpful new tools.

All the best,  
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## RESEARCH FAQs

### Where can I get help with my research activity?

Research Facilitators are hard at work, helping to facilitate research activity in both Peterborough and Durham. We are also in the process of expanding the research facilitator team to enhance support to you. You can email either of our Research Facilitators, [Lisa Janz](#) or [Tara Flynn](#), directly.

### I have a question about research ethics, who can I talk to?

Our Certifications and Compliance Officer, [Jamie Muckle](#), is available to help with questions around research ethics and other aspects of research integrity. Questions like "Does my research require an ethics protocol?" and "I am working on a project that brings together multiple institutions – how does the ethics review work?" can be directed to Jamie.

### How do I submit paperwork for hiring or extending research-related personnel?

We are working with Human Resources on a project to enhance the hiring processes for research-related personnel in 2021. In the current remote work environment, research related personnel hiring forms and amendments can be sent by email to [Alex Kuhne](#).

### Where can I get help with my grant application?

We are heading into another busy grant application season and we are here to help. Research Facilitators [Lisa Janz](#) and [Tara Flynn](#) can address your questions, application reviews, and provide feedback to help you put forth the best application possible.

### Who should I contact with questions about research agreements?

Support for research agreements is provided by our Research Facilitators. You can contact [Lisa Janz](#) or [Tara Flynn](#) for help with templates, negotiation, insurance, and other support.

### How can I contact my restricted funds accountant?

Trent University's restricted funds accounting team is available to help you with any financial questions

related to your research projects, such as eligibility queries, transfers, invoicing and financial reporting.

You can contact directly [Janin Deason](#) (A-G researcher last name) [Kerri Cassalman](#) (H-O researcher last name), [Emmalynne Sullivan](#) (P-Z researcher last name), or [Tania Dearling](#).

General inquiries can be emailed to [researchfinance@trentu.ca](mailto:researchfinance@trentu.ca)

### Where can I direct questions about Trent University internal grants and research funding?

Questions about internal grant programs such as the University Research Grants Program, SSHRC Explore Grants, SSHRC Exchange Grants, and the VPRI Strategic Initiatives fund can be directed to [Alex Lawrie](#).

### Where do I go for help with MITACS funding?

Questions about MITACS programs such as Accelerate, Globalink, and Business Strategy Internship can be sent to [Alex Lawrie](#).

# Announcements FROM THE ORI

## WELCOMED IN DECEMBER! TRENT UNIVERSITY'S 2 NEWEST CRCS, DR. NAOMI NICHOLS AND DR. ANNE PASEK

### Dr. Naomi Nichols, CRC, Community-Partnered Social Justice

As Canada research chair in Community-Partnered Social Justice, Prof. Nichols will build on a decade's worth of research into youth homelessness. With a focus on driving institutional change for Canada's most vulnerable youth, Prof. Nichols' research is steeped in data, and developed collaboratively alongside youth with lived experiences with homelessness in Montreal and in Peterborough. Adding to Trent's long-standing reputation as an institution with strong social justice expertise, Prof. Nichols will also lead the creation of a community research for social change lab – which allows a diverse range of activist and advocacy groups the ability to engage in social research, access and own their data, and to participate equitably in evidence-based decision making.



### Dr. Anne Pasek, CRC, Media, Culture and the Environment

As a cross-appointed professor within the School of the Environment and the Department of Cultural Studies, Canada research chair in Media, Culture and the Environment, Prof. Pasek will study climate communications and, specifically, how carbon becomes a social construct in conversations about climate change. Prof. Pasek's research also utilizes a reflexive lens, exploring what climate change means for academics and how that changes research scholarship and methodology. Building on Trent's expertise as one of Canada's top postsecondary environmental institutions, Prof. Pasek will create a low carbon research lab at Trent to explore low carbon research and dissemination methods and engage students who are interested in the intersection of climate change and media production



### Dr. Robert Wright Awarded Vanier Professorship at Trent University

Historian, bestselling author, screenwriter and professor at Trent University Durham GTA, Dr. Robert Wright, has added another impressive accolade to his list of accomplishments: the Vanier Professorship, a sought-after position at Trent University. Awarded to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to the study of Canada, the Vanier professorship was established in honour of Governor General Georges Vanier, who officially opened Trent in 1964. Prof. Wright is the fourth Vanier professor at Trent and will begin his five-year term July 1, 2021. In addition to teaching, Prof. Wright is currently working on several projects, including a film adaptation of one of his books and two new books. As Vanier professor, he will extend his work in the intellectual and cultural history of Canada. He will host an inaugural public lecture focused on his research in the latter part of 2021.



# Announcements FROM THE ORI *continued*

## **Dr. Mark Skinner, Dean and Canada Research Chair in Rural Aging published *Rural Gerontology: Towards Critical Perspectives on Rural Ageing***

*Edited by Mark Skinner, Rachel Winterton and Kieran Walsh*

Just published for 2021, this book provides the first foundation of knowledge about the intellectual traditions, contemporary scope and future prospects for the interdisciplinary field of rural gerontology. Bringing together valuable international perspectives, this book makes a timely contribution to gerontology, rural studies and the social sciences, and will appeal to scholars and researchers across USA and Canada, UK and Ireland, Australia and New Zealand Europe, South Africa, and China.

## **Trent Ph.D. Candidate Marisol Campos-Navarrete Receives Prestigious IDRC Doctoral Research Award**

Marisol Campos-Navarrete's Ph.D. research studying economically self-sustaining enterprises run by local Indigenous women in Mexico recently received a significant funding boost of nearly \$20,000, after being awarded an IDRC Doctoral Research Award in the Technology and Innovation program. Marisol's research studies 600 Tzeltal peoples who have been working in collaborative groups to develop economically self-sustaining enterprises supervised by local Indigenous women and supported by a local organization, Ixim AC, in the Chilón and Ocosingo communities of Chiapas, Mexico. Congratulations Marisol!



## Reminders

### **IT Security for Researchers and their Research**

Safeguarding Research: Learn how to protect yourself and your research effectively! Open and collaborative research is indispensable, however there are inherent risks. It is important to know what the risks are, what you can do to mitigate them, as well as what tools are available to you to help keep yourself and your research safe.

To read more about:

- What are the risks to you and your research
- IT Security Safeguards
- Research Project Specific Safeguards
- Traveling Safeguard Checklist

Please visit **Safeguarding Research** on the Information Technology website page!

# TRI-AGENCY FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## Important Dates

### Upcoming Internal Opportunities Due Dates

Upcoming Deadline	Funding Opportunity
January 15, 2021	<a href="#">Distinguished Research Award</a> (Nomination Step 1: Providing the name of the candidate)
January 18, 2021	*** <a href="#">NSERC USRA</a> (See section below for supplemental grant information)
February 12, 2021	<a href="#">Distinguished Research Award - Full Dossier</a> (Step 2: Full dossier)
February 15, 2021	<a href="#">Grant in Lieu of Salary</a>
March 15, 2021	<a href="#">VP, Research &amp; Innovation Strategic Initiatives Fund</a>

### Upcoming External Opportunities Due Dates

A gentle reminder that *internal due dates* for research proposals, or documents requiring institutional endorsement, is **set two weeks prior** to the external due dates in order to allow Research Facilitators in the Office of Research & Innovation to review and address any challenges with the submission. A submission arriving just **one week prior** allows timing only for critiques to basic budget and adherence to guidelines.

Upcoming Deadline	Funding Opportunity
February 1, 2021	<a href="#">SSHRC Connection Grants</a>
February 1, 2021	<a href="#">SSHRC Insight Development Grant</a>
March 1, 2021	<a href="#">NSERC Discovery Frontiers Letter of Intent</a>
March 1, 2021	<a href="#">NSERC Brockhouse Prize</a>
March 1, 2021	<a href="#">NSERC Herzberg Prize</a>
March 1, 2021	<a href="#">NSERC Polanyi Prize</a>
March 15, 2021	<a href="#">SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant</a>

### \*\*\* NSERC-USRA 2021 Competition – Increased Award Value!

Effective for the summer 2021 competition, the value of the NSERC portion of the USRA award will be increased from \$4,500 to \$6,000. Please note that the 25 per cent minimum contribution from the university will still be in effect, meaning that the award will have a minimum value of \$7,500 for the student. The USRA program provides an exceptional opportunity for Canadian researchers to access top student talent, and develops the potential for these students' future careers in science and engineering. The USRA program guide and application form (Form 202) are available at the NSERC website and the first part of the application is due in the Office of Research & Innovation by **Monday, January 18**.

If you have any questions about the NSERC USRA program at Trent University, please contact: [Alex Lawrie](#), Strategic Research Partnerships Liaison, Office of Research & Innovation

# TRI-AGENCY FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES *continued*

## Species At Risk Stewardship Program

Funding applications for the 2021-2022 Species at Risk Stewardship Program are now open. Individuals, communities and organizations have until 3 p.m. on **February 9, 2021**, to apply.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/grants-protecting-species-risk>

## Integrated Calendar: Tri-Agency & Interagency Funding Opportunities

Canada's federal research funding agencies—the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)—together with the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), offer a wide-range of funding opportunities for researchers postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and research institutions.

The integrated calendar lists the principal funding opportunities offered by the four agencies, including agency-specific programs and ones that are jointly administered. The table includes links to the related program web page for more information on each opportunity. The Search tool and filters can be used to quickly return results of specific interest, such as agency-specific or interagency programs with upcoming deadlines.

The calendar link is available here: [Tri-Agency and interagency funding opportunities](#)

## 2021 SSHRC Impact Awards Call for Nominations

The 2021 SSHRC Impact Awards competition has been launched! The Impact Awards recognize exceptional SSHRC-funded researchers and students and celebrate their achievements in research, research training, knowledge mobilization and outreach activities. Trent University is invited to put forward nominations in the following categories:

- Gold Medal (\$100,000)
- Talent Award (\$50,000)
- Insight Award (\$50,000)
- Connection Award (\$50,000)

Please note that the internal Trent University due date is **Monday, February 1, 2021** for nominations to the Office of Research & Innovation. The SSHRC final deadline for institutions is April 1, 2021 to submit their nominations. Winners will be announced in fall 2021. Learn more about previous Impact Awards winners by visiting SSHRC's website.

# RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD 2020-21 SCHEDULE

A reminder that all faculty researchers and students must take the **online tutorial** for Human Ethics basic research prior to submitting applications to the Research Ethics Board. Applications must include the tutorial certificate.

## Submissions for the Review Due Dates

January 25, 2021  
 February 22, 2021  
 March 22, 2021  
 April 26, 2021  
 May 24, 2021

## Meeting Dates 2020-2021: 10 am-12 pm

February 24, 2021  
 March 17, 2021  
 April 21, 2021  
 May 19, 2021  
 June 23, 2021

# ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE 2020-21 SCHEDULE

## Submissions for the Review Due Dates

February 17, 2021  
 March 17, 2021  
 April 14, 2021  
 May 19, 2021

## Meeting Dates 2020-2021

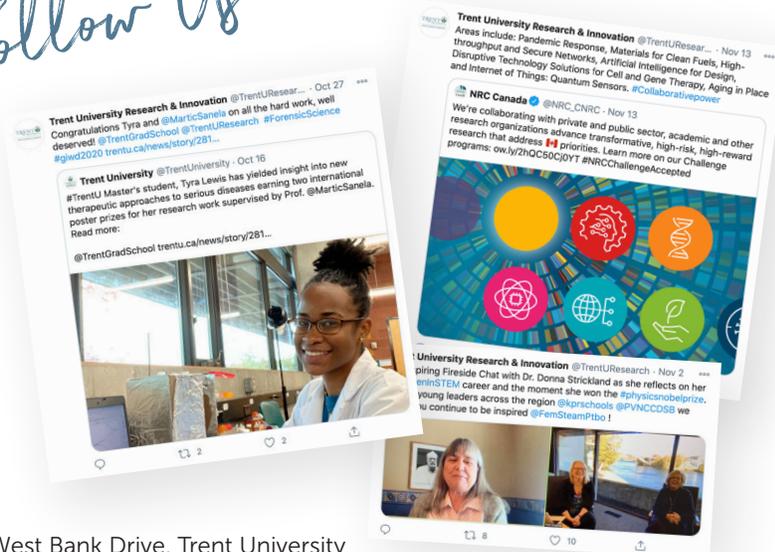
March 12, 2021  
 April 9, 2021  
 May 14, 2021  
 June 11, 2021

For general questions or for further information about the Research Ethics Board or the Animal Care Committee, please contact **Jamie Muckle**, Certifications and Regulatory Compliance Officer.

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