News You Can Use: Bulletin for StFX Students
April 22, 2020

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For the most recent information concerning Academic Classes and Alternate Delivery, please check the StFX website here.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
Students who have seen their education and job prospects hampered by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will soon be able to claim a new Canada Emergency Student Benefit, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced, as part of a $9 billion package of new measures aimed at helping young people.
The benefit will see eligible postsecondary students receive $1,250 a month from May to August, and if you are taking care of someone else or have a disability, that amount increases to $1,750 monthly.

College and university students currently in school, planning to start in September, or who graduated in December 2019 are eligible. As well, working students earning less than $1,000 per month can also apply.

Trudeau said the benefit will require additional legislation and talks are now underway about how quickly a bill to implement this new program can be brought forward. To stay informed about these and other supports, please check this space in the weeks going forward and also Canada’s COVID-19 Economic Response Plan website.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE UPDATES

ACADEMIC ADVISING

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline for declaring your Major/Advanced Major/Honours is extended, and we have implemented a temporary process to declare electronically. Please visit our WEBSITE for additional information on this new process.

For your convenience, most declaration forms found on the Deans’ websites are fillable. If you experience difficulty with the process of declaring your major, Academic Advising and your department chair(s)/coordinator(s) are here to help you. You may contact chairs and coordinators by email, and/or feel free to schedule a phone or online appointment with an Academic Advisor using our appointment system by CLICKING HERE.

OFFICE of INTERNATIONALIZATION

The Office of Internationalization will be hosting, and co-hosting, four online sessions during the coming week:

- April 22 - EduNova Webinar Series Part 2: LinkedIn & Online Job Profile Workshop
- April 24 - StFX International Student's Summer Hang-Out #1
• April 28 - EduNova Webinar Series Part 3: Immigration Pathways to Permanent Residency
• April 29 - StFX International Student Income Tax Workshop

Details for each session, and registration links, have been sent to students via StFX email. Please contact International Student Advisor, Donald Rasmussen for more information.

FOOD SERVICES

Please note that the last meal at Morrison Hall was April 22nd breakfast. All campus food services locations are now closed until further notice.

LIBRARY

Attention new distance nursing students, (and anyone struggling to use our library from off campus), here are some great guides to help you out:

1. How to access articles from a distance: https://stfx.libanswers.com/research_reference/faq/202915

2. How to make document delivery requests for articles not held in the StFX collection: https://stfx.libanswers.com/ILL_holds/faq/202508

Other tutorials can be found by CLICKING HERE or feel free to send us an email with your questions or to ask for a 1:1 session with one of our librarians: library@stfx.ca. Our virtual reference desk is open every afternoon Monday – Friday.

ONLINE EVENTS

Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on postsecondary students
STATISTICS CANADA SURVEY

Statistics Canada is gathering information from post-secondary students in order for the Canadian government to make informed decisions regarding students and the fallout caused by Covid-19.

In these difficult times, when everyone's lives are being affected by COVID-19, you can do something important for the student community. You can provide your perspective
on the current crisis, by letting us know how your studies, financial situation and other aspects of your life have been affected by the pandemic.

Please take five minutes to participate in this crowdsourcing data collection on the Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on postsecondary students. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access and complete the survey.

**Residence Life Banquet**

Reminder for our amazing residence Student Leaders to join us tonight at 6 on Zoom. We are excited to recognize the work you've put in all year, hand out a few awards, and of course reconnect with all of you!

**HELPFUL STUDENT RESOURCES**

**Managing distress following a traumatic event**

We hope that all students are staying safe and healthy as you finish your exams and schoolwork for this term. At this time, our hearts go out to those who have been impacted by the events in Portapique, Nova Scotia. Among our hopes for everyone is that you are supported by family and friends.

It is typical for people to experience a variety of emotions following such a traumatic event. These feelings can include shock, sorrow, numbness, fear, anger, disillusionment, grief and others. The American Psychological Association provides a helpful resource [Managing your distress in the aftermath of a shooting](#). Additionally, our Health and Counselling Center and eMental Health resources are available for all students.

Resources for Students:

- Healthy Minds NS
- Good2TalkNS: 1-833-292-3698
- Crisis Text Line: text “GOOD2TALKNS” to 686868
- NS Mental Health Crisis Line: 1-888-429-8167
- To arrange a phone meeting with a StFX Health and Counselling Centre staff member, email idrouin@stfx.ca.

Now is a time to look after yourself, as well as one another.
Hiring: Deveau summer student positions

StFX, in collaboration with the Jeannine Deveau Equity Fund, is seeking to employ an African Nova Scotian and a Mi’kmaq or Wolastoqiyik summer student to support current and newly enrolling African Nova Scotians during the COVID-19 health crisis. This position is open to current students including those that expect to meet graduation requirements in May. The position will be for 18 weeks starting May 4, 2020 and ending September 4, 2020, for 35 hours per week. The successful candidate will be issued a university laptop to complete required responsibilities. Deadline for applications is April 29, 2020. A full job description can be found HERE.

Nova Scotia Job Board for Agriculture

Nova Scotia’s farmers are hiring! If you are interested in supporting the food system, consider a job working on a farm. Check out the jobs board on the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture WEBSITE, and note that some postings are for multiple positions. Complete the employee registration form if you would like to be contacted or call the federation office at (902) 893-2293 if you have questions.

COVID-19 LINKS

StFX University Resources: https://www.stfx.ca/coronavirus

If members of the campus community have questions/concerns that are not covered within our FAQs, please email Comments&Questions@stfx.ca. This email will be monitored 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Province of Nova Scotia Resources: https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/
