

November 2019

# UWO RDC Newsletter



## Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday: 9am – 5pm  
Tuesday: 9am – 7pm \*extended

The RDC will be closed on Monday November 11 for Remembrance Day.

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## **A note to our RDC community:**

Tina will be away for the Annual Meeting on November 18 – 22. Please direct all inquiries to Victoria during this week.

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## **2020 National Essay Challenge**

### **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)**

The IRCC department is launching the 2020 National Essay Challenge (NEC) to support emerging scholars across Canadian universities in policy-relevant research.

The NEC is designed to generate evidence-based insights on IRCC policies. It encourages graduate students to learn more about immigration research and policy, and it raises awareness about the availability of data and supporting resources.

The NEC is open to all disciplines and welcomes empirical research papers related to IRCC's mandate using qualitative or quantitative methodologies. Graduate students with selected essays will be invited to present their research to policy makers in Ottawa (with travel paid) and will receive \$500 towards attendance at an academic conference of their choice.

Deadline to submit your expression of interest: **January 6, 2020.**

If you plan to use Statistics Canada data in the RDC for this essay then you will need to submit your RDC proposal/application by **November 6, 2019.**

For more information about the NEC, please see the attached poster or email us ([IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca](mailto:IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca)) to join the 2020 NEC GCcollab group.



The poster features a blue header with the IRCC logo and the text "2020 National Essay Challenge Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada". Below the header is a decorative blue pattern. The main text describes the challenge's purpose and requirements. A list of benefits for selected students is provided. The "How do I enter?" section includes instructions on how to join the GCcollab group and submit an expression of interest. The bottom of the poster shows a photograph of four people in a meeting, with a blue decorative pattern at the very bottom.

**2020 National Essay Challenge**  
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

To promote policy-relevant research by emerging scholars, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is running the 2020 National Essay Challenge for **graduate students** in Canadian universities.

**Requirements:**

- You **must** be a graduate student enrolled at a Canadian university for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Your essay must be an **empirical research paper**, using qualitative or quantitative methodologies.
- Your essay cannot be co-authored and you **must** have the support of a professor.

**Selected students will receive:**

- an IRCC certificate of achievement;
- an invitation to present their essay in Ottawa at an IRCC Research Matters Event (with travel paid);
- \$500 towards an academic conference.

**How do I enter?**

- First, send an email to [IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca](mailto:IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca) to access the 2020 National Essay Challenge group on GCcollab, where you will find information about the requirements of the Challenge.
- Once you are a member of the 2020 National Essay Challenge GCcollab group, you will need to submit your expression of interest by **January 6, 2020.**
- If you are planning to access Statistics Canada's Research Data Centres, you will need to have submitted your proposal by **November 6, 2019.**

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## New Datasets at the RDC

### **2019 Survey on Health Research Priorities (SHRP)**

The CIHR commissioned Statistics Canada to collect information on the health research priorities of Canadians. Health research plays an important role in improving the health of Canadians, delivering more effective health services and strengthening the Canadian health care system. The survey asks questions about: the importance of different types of health research, issues for health researchers to address, obtaining information about health research results, satisfaction with how health research results are shared, and knowledge of health research and its role.

### **2018 Birth Database (VSBD) and 2018 Stillbirth Database (VSSBD)**

The VSBD is an administrative survey that collects demographic information annually from all provincial and territorial vital statistics registries on all live births in Canada. The data are used to calculate basic indicators (such as counts and rates) on births of residents of Canada. Information from this database is also used in the calculation of statistics, such as age-specific fertility rates.

The VSSBD is an administrative survey that collects demographic information annually from all provincial and territorial vital statistics registries on all stillbirths (fetal deaths) in Canada. The data are used to calculate basic indicators (such as counts and rates) on stillbirths of residents of Canada. Information from this database is also used in the calculation of statistics, such as the late fetal death rate and the perinatal death rate.

There are many datasets available through the RDC. Researchers interested in accessing these datasets are encouraged to submit an RDC application. Available datasets can be viewed here: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/rdc/data>.

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## RDC Tip of the Month: Taking Notes in the Centre

Please remember that all hand-written notes must only be done on yellow paper (provided at the front). At the end of your work session, you may discard it by shredding it with the paper shredder. Please see an analyst if you'd like to store your notes in the RDC for future use or if you'd like to take it out. We may let you leave with your notes as long as there are no direct references to values gained through the confidential data file.

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