



# Department of Biology

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UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

## Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe appointed to the Order of Canada

### Congratulations, Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe!



Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe, professor emerita, has been appointed to the prestigious Order of Canada. Dr. Tunnicliffe has been named an officer for her outstanding contributions to ocean sciences and for being a pioneer in the scientific exploration of the deep sea.

The Order of Canada is one of our country's highest civilian honours. Its Companions, Officers and Members take to heart the motto of the Order: DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM (The desire of a better country).

The Order of Canada recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. More than 7,000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order. Those who bear the Order's iconic snowflake insignia have changed our nations' measure of success and, through the sum of their accomplishments, have helped us build a better Canada.

[Read the press release from the Governor General](#)

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## Biology Seminars

### Biology Seminar

Chadi Saad-Roy, PhD Student, Princeton University

"Modeling SARS-CoV-2 immune-epidemiological dynamics"

Friday, January 14, 2022  
2:30– 3:30 pm  
[Zoom only](#)

### Biology Seminar

Dr. Sigal Balshine, Professor, Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour McMaster University

"TBA"

Friday, January 28, 2022  
2:30– 3:30 pm  
Zoom only

### Biology Seminar

Dr. Gregory Beaulieu, Professor, Department of Biology, University of Victoria

"TBA"

Friday, February 4, 2022  
3:30– 4:30 pm  
MSB 150

## Calendar

**Important Dates:**

**Thursday, January 20**

**Wednesday, January 26**

**Sunday, January 30**

Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law

Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term

Last day for 100% reduction of second term fees for standard courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) Course add and drop dates.

**Sunday, January 30**

Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term

**Monday, January 31**

Last day for paying second term fees without penalty



## Biology News

**Publications:**

Planidin, Nicholas P. and Thomas E. Reimchen. 2022. Behavioural responses of threespine stickleback with lateral line asymmetries to experimental mechanosensory stimuli. *Journal of Experimental Biology*, in press.

## NSERC USRAs 2022-2023

The NSERC UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS (USRA) are intended to stimulate students' interest in research and to encourage them to consider graduate studies and pursue a career in research.

2022 APPLICATION INFORMATION: [NSERC UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS \(USRA\)](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

**UVic News**

## Return In-Person learning, January 24th, 2022

The University of Victoria is committed to returning to offering in-person education beginning January 24, as planned and shared with you on [December 23](#) and [January 6](#).

More [information](#) on health protocols and the full message from the President and Vice-Chancellor of Uvic Kevin Hall



If you have stories or announcements that you would like to share in the Biology newsletter, please email:  
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## UVic News

### **Mock Interviews 2022 (MMI)**

Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs) are used primarily for assessing students for admittance to health-related professional schools. This interview format consists of a series of short interviews (six to 10 minutes each) at separate stations on a circuit. MMIs were initially developed for medical school candidates, but they're now common for admittance to nursing, pharmacy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and veterinary schools.

If/when you receive an invitation to an MMI-style interview via email for a professional program, please contact [careers@uvic.ca](mailto:careers@uvic.ca) to register for a mock MMI with UVic Career Services.

Mock MMIs are practice interview, coaching and feedback sessions designed to help UVic students and alumni prepare for their upcoming MMIs.

These group sessions will include a mock interview and feedback/coaching. January 14, January 28 and February 25, 2022. The 2022 mock MMIs will be held virtually on Zoom.

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Other

### **STEM: Join Scientists and Innovators in Schools**

Science World's Scientists and Innovators in Schools (SIS) program goal is to inspire grade K-12 students with exciting, interactive presentations by mentors. SIS is a volunteer-based program that promotes students' interest in STEM/STEAM and helps address British Columbia's growing need for scientists, engineers, technologists, innovators, technicians, and creative technology professionals.

SIS seeks dedicated mentors from various fields to bring the world of STEM/STEAM into the classroom, by delivering 3 to 5 sessions per school year. Our presenters use their expertise and knowledge to stimulate interest in Science and Technology in exciting and fun ways. Visiting professionals are proven to increase students' interest, enthusiasm, and participation in STEM/STEAM subjects by providing diverse role models - the future needs YOU!

Onboarding to the SIS program includes training in science communication to students for in-person and/or online delivery, activity development, and support for mentors to customize their presentation to highlight specific interests, expertise, and career paths. SIS will reimburse costs incurred during sessions, such as activity materials or travel (within certain guidelines).

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Check out [Science World's SIS program](#) and apply to inspire the future of STEM



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