

TRAINEE NEWS from the Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training of the RI-MUHC

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

events, announcements and news for graduate students and postdocs at the RI-MUHC



FUNDING

2016-2017 RI-MUHC Studentship and Fellowship Competition

Application deadline on DECEMBER 14, 2016

The 2016-2017 RI MUHC Studentship and Fellowship Competition opens officially on **Monday, November 21, 2016 at 9 a.m.** and closes on **Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at NOON**. The advance registration period begins November 14 at 9 a.m.

To register, go to the RI PORTAL at <http://researchportal.muhc.mcgill.ca> then, go to the "**FastTrack**" menu on the right-hand side and click on "**Studentship & Fellowship Competition**".

If you do not already have a user name and password to access the portal, it is very important to note the reason for your login request as "**To apply to Studentship Competition**" in order for these to be sent to you quickly.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: competition.admin@muhc.mcgill.ca

Good luck to all of this year's participants!

Competition Administration
RI MUHC



Office Hours!

The Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training will hold office hours at the Glen site in room ES1.5066.7 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. every Wednesday. If you have questions about the training we offer please drop in.

The Centre for Outcomes Research and Evaluation Inaugural "Best of CORE" Research Day

Will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the ES1.1129 Amphitheatre and RI Atrium of the Glen site

Keynote speaker: Dr. Moyses Szklo, Johns Hopkins University (Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Epidemiology) will present on *Translational Epidemiology*

Researcher Presentations – Trainee Poster Pitch Sessions – Best Poster Prizes



MONEY IN THE BANK

4 SESSIONS + 4 FINANCIAL EXPERTS = HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR PERSONAL FINANCES



Basic introduction to managing your personal finances: TFSAs, RRSPs and Debt

Thursday, November 17, 2016 | noon - 1pm

EM1.3509, Glen site

Understanding savings and taxation

Thursday, December 1, 2016 | noon - 1pm

EM1.3509, Glen site

Getting into business for yourself

Thursday, January 12, 2017 | noon - 1pm

EM1.3509, Glen site

Manage your debt and put yourself in the position to buy a home

Thursday, February 16, 2017 | noon - 1pm

EM1.3509, Glen site



These sessions are presented by financial experts from Desjardins, and are especially for trainees. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Please register in advance at the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/traineefinance

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Federal Government Career Networking Trip Hosted by McGill Alumni, CaPS, SSMU & PGSS:



EVENTS

Interested in exploring career opportunities within the federal government? Join McGill Alumni, CaPS, SSMU and PGSS for their third annual federal government career tour, where you will have the opportunity to hear about career paths in the public sector, and network with hiring managers. This will be an exclusive opportunity to network with government officials. Special emphasis will be placed on public service renewal and the programs geared towards student employment.

Note that a maximum of 40 seats are available (20 undergraduate students and **20 graduate students**).

Dates: Wednesday, January 18th - Friday, January 20th, 2017

Destination: Gatineau-Ottawa

Lodging: Crowne Plaza Gatineau-Ottawa

Cost: starting at \$205 per person, based on double occupancy**

Registration: <https://pgss.mcgill.ca/en/event/510>

For more information: <http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/channels/event/federal-government-career-networking-trip-2017-264058>

FURTHER READING

[Six free online classes that equal an MBA](#) (The Muse)

[Do your homework](#) (ScienceCareers)

[A transition from postdoc to industry](#) (ScienceCareers)

TRAINEE KUDOS

Marie-Julie Allard, doctoral student

Supervisor: [Dr. Guillaume Sébire](#)

[Child Health and Human Development Program](#)

Congratulations to Marie-Julie Allard, who was featured in a Radio Canada "30 under 30 de la Mauricie et du Centre-du-Québec" (inspirational people under the age of 30) for her research on autism.

[Read more](#) (in French)

Erin Coyne, doctoral student

Supervisor: [Dr. Simon Wing](#)

[Experimental Therapeutics and Metabolism Program](#)

Erin Coyne studies the role of the ubiquitin proteasome system in obesity and diabetes. She has discovered that gene inactivation of USP19 leads to a leaner body composition and resistance to the development of diabetes during diet-induced obesity. Erin received CMDO-FRQS (2015) and CIHR

(2016) travel awards to present her research at conferences and won prizes for best poster presentation at the ICAN 2015 conference in Paris and the 2015 and 2016 MDRC symposia in

Montréal.

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Plan your professional skills development for 2017 by becoming familiar with the different services available at McGill for graduate students and postdocs. These include Skillsets, Career Planning Service, McGill Counselling and Mental Health Services and Graphos.

Spotlight on: *Graphos* (housed within McGill's Writing Centre)

Graphos teaches graduate students and postdocs how to become accomplished scholarly communicators.

Graphos offers one credit courses, workshops, peer writing groups, a tutorial service and more.

To find out more about the services that Graphos offers see:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/graphos/>

TRAINEE KUDOS

Amanda Rossi, PhD **Postdoctoral fellow**

Supervisor: [Dr. Louise Pilote](#)
[Cardiovascular Health Across the Lifespan Program \(CHAL\)](#)

Dr. Amanda Rossi arrived at the RI-MUHC last year as a Canadian Vascular Network Scholar. She is currently leading the Blood Pressure and Vascular Health Around Menopause (BRAVE) study focused on identifying and understanding potentially detrimental cardiovascular changes women experience throughout menopause. Amanda has also been busy representing post-docs within the CHAL program and at the Research Program Council, and her flair for planning helped ensure a successful Trainee Orientation & Cocktail this fall.

Tina Boikos

Doctoral student
Supervisor: [Dr. Caroline Quach](#)
[Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health Program \(IDIGH\)](#)
and Centre for Health Outcomes Research

Alessandra Ricciardi

Doctoral student
Supervisor: [Dr. Momar Ndao](#)
[Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health Program \(IDIGH\)](#)

Alessandra Ricciardi and Tina Boikos became friends as undergraduates at McGill University. Spurred by a love of all things microbial, both are completing doctoral degrees: Alessandra in microbiology and immunology and Tina in epidemiology. This dynamic duo spearheaded the IDIGH Trainee Program in 2015, organizing a weekly Work-in-Progress seminar and the program's inaugural Research Day. Authors of multiple peer-reviewed publications, they have presented their work at conferences and received numerous recognitions for their doctoral work.

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