

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

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018

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

EVENTS

Join us for

Peer Career Groups

career exploration from a – z for health scientists

Peer Career Groups (PCG) START FALL 2018

APPLY NOW FOR THE PCG PROGRAM |

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Deadline for applications: September 24th, 2018



Many health science researchers are not aware of the incredible diversity of career options they can pursue and need some guidance in learning how to explore these options. The Peer Career Groups (PCG) program provides an opportunity to explore self and career from A to Z. Similar group coaching programs offered by private career counselors cost almost \$1000. Our program, offered by CaPS and D-CAT, is FREE for McGill students and fellows.

New this year: Exclusive networking event for participants and professionals working outside of academia. Exclusive access to an online peer community of PCG participants and online forum.

Apply at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/rimuhcpcg2018

Over the 6 months in the program you will:

- Gain access to five specialized workshops
- Learn and reflect on your strengths and interests
- Research different career options for health scientists
- Connect with trainee peers to share knowledge and move at your own pace (meet in a location that is convenient for you)
- Attend exclusive networking events

Important dates (all workshops will take place from 9:30-11:15 a.m.; participants to the program are expected to attend at least 4 workshops). All other work will be done remotely.

Workshop: Peer Mentoring for Career Exploration – September 27

Workshop: The Career Paths of Scientists – October 25

Workshop: Understanding Self and Identifying Goals – December 13

Workshop: Deepening your Career Research – January 17

Workshop: Developing Professional Relationships – March 7



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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 p.m. every Wednesday.

Please book your appointment by
selecting a time at the following link

<https://calendly.com/d-cat/15min>.

Graduate Certificate in Business Administration (GCBA) Winter Application Deadline

Through a partnership with the John Molson School of Business, trainees and staff of the RI-MUHC are helped through the application process for the [Graduate Certificate in Business Administration \(GCBA\)](#) and receive priority admittance. This is a flexible, part-time program and can help you to bridge the gap between science and business. More than 75 RI-MUHC trainees/staff have participated to the GCBA program which has very competitive tuition fees. **Application deadline is October 1, 2018.**

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Special session for RI-MUHC Trainees

Soft Skills and Leadership Workshop Offered by the John Molson School of Business

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The Council of Graduate Schools, as part of a larger study, interviewed chief research of leaders with experience for supervision of recent MSc or PhD graduates in STEM fields.

What did it reveal? Employers highlighted the need among graduates for skills including: cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural communication and teamwork, ability to build relationships, and sensitivity to the future of work. (Denecke et al. 2017)

Join the John Molson School of Business for this very special 1/2 day session for RI-MUHC trainees. If you are considering applying to the Graduate Certificate in Business Administration then this is also a great way to test drive what a program like this would entail. This workshop will focus on two essential topics for today's graduate trainee taught by JMSB instructors:

Developing your Soft Skills for Today and Tomorrow in an Interconnected Society | Building the Spirit of Leadership, Teamwork and Creativity.

When: Monday, October 22, 8:30 - 11:30am

Location: John Molson School of Business, Concordia University (Centre-Ville), 1450 Guy Street, MB6.240

Limited spaces available, there are no fees for this workshop. A full description of the learning objectives and the instructor bios can be found at the registration link. Register now at www.surveymonkey.com/r/rimuhcsoftskills

Join us for our 3rd Annual Career Half-Day for Trainees. Nov 1st, 2018

Planning for your

Future career

Start now. Spaces are limited.

Join the Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training for this special event Careers #Trending for Health Researchers, including a series of talks in the morning where you will learn about the careers for scientists and health researchers available in emerging sectors such as: **medicinal cannabis, artificial intelligence, and applied immunology.**

Invited speakers and topics will be updated on the [website](#) as they are confirmed.

Topics that we expect will be covered in the agenda:

Careers in the field of Medicinal Cannabis

- Overview of the sector and research careers

Careers for health and life scientists in the fields of Big Data and AI

- What can you offer the private sector?
- Shaping your career as a scientist to work in the field of big data
- Becoming an entrepreneur: using AI to tackle life science problems

Careers in Applied Immunology

- Why you should know about the microbiome to advance your career
- Immune modulation: careers in research and development

Full registration to this half-day includes a two-hour networking lunch session attended by professionals from the private sector, government, and research agencies who are there to talk with trainees about careers. Check the [website](#) to see who will attend. **For the preliminary agenda and for registration information see the website: <https://riadvancedtraining.wixsite.com/careerday2018>**

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Information sessions that help you prepare

Winning Scholarships and Fellowships CIHR & FRQS

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Is it your first time applying to awards for graduate or PDF work in Canada/Quebec? Are you preparing to submit a new or revised application to CIHR or FRQS? Our information session focuses on tips for success for those applying to the scholarship and fellowship competitions. At these sessions we welcome your general questions. *Those who attend will also have the opportunity to sign up for a drop-in consultation on their application's project summary or description.*

More information: <https://involvement.mcgill.ca/organization/desjardinscentrerimuhc>

Tips for success: CIHR/FRQS Training Awards*

Thursday, September 13, 2018, 9:30 am – 10:30 am EM1.3509 (Glen site)

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Monday, September 24, 2018 10 am - 11 am L7-140 (MGH)

*Please note that if you do not have an access card that allows you access to the Glen site, you must register in advance for this session.

Admission to medical school information session
(Representatives from McGill University MDCM Admissions on site)
Monday, October 15, 12pm – 1:30pm
EM1.3509 (Glen site) (No advance registration required)

Interested in attending
McGill Medical School
come to an information session.

FURTHER READING

[A step-by-step guide to keeping track of grad school activities](#) -

Jacquelyn Brinkman (University Affairs)

[How silicon valley design principles can help you prick your post PhD path](#) - [Katie Langin](#) interviews Dave Evans co-founder of the Life Design Lab at Stanford (Science Careers)

Did you know?

[Montréal InVivo](#) has launched a new facebook page dedicated to emerging life sciences and medical technologies. Follow their page to be notified of new events and activities in the life sciences and information on the job market.

<https://www.facebook.com/GrappeMIV>

Call for Volunteers!

The organizing committee of the Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine Network Symposium is looking for trainee volunteers to help with their event to be held on November 16th, 2018 at the Lady Davis Institute, Jewish General Hospital. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Li Li at li.li17@mail.mcgill.ca

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McGill's Skillsets, Graphos and CaPS

are continually updating their calendars for the 2018/2019 year

See a full list of posted activities at: <https://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets/calendar>
<https://www.mcgill.ca/graphos/courses> <http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/services/workshops/>

Some of the 1 credit courses being offered by Graphos.

Register online at <https://www.mcgill.ca/graphos/courses>

Cornerstones of Academic Writing

Mondays (Sept. 10-Nov. 26) 4:05 pm - 5:25 pm

OR

Thursdays (Sept. 13- Nov. 15) 10:05 am- 11:25 am

Fundamentals of Academic Presentations

Wednesdays (Sept. 12 - Nov. 14) 1:05 pm - 2:25 pm

OR

Fridays (Sept. 14 - Nov. 16) 10:05 am - 11:25 am

The RI-MUHC is hiring

Career opportunities are always available on the RI website at <http://rimuhc.ca/apply-today>

We encourage you to check back often as new opportunities come available regularly. Please take a look at the list below for a sample of positions that are currently available.

[Research Assistant](#)

We conduct research aimed at improving the safety and quality of health care. Our research program includes studies that:

1. Identify modifiable determinants of cancer care quality, health outcomes and adverse events (e.g. health professional competence, drugs, timely access to complete patient information); 2. Develop and evaluate computer-enabled interventions to address these determinants (e.g. computerized decision-support, personal health record portals and self-management tools, automated surveillance systems); 3. Develop prospective disease and treatment databases.

In this position you will have the opportunity to work with a vibrant team of investigators, clinicians, and research staff, all dedicated to conducting quality research projects that have immediate impact on improving the care of patients.

The Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Canadian Patient Safety Institute, Center for Disease Control, Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute, National Institutes of Health and the MUHC Research Institute fund our research.

[Research Associate in Bioinformatics](#)

Reporting directly to the PI, the applicant will, in close collaboration with other members of the team, be responsible for implementing new, cutting-edge bioinformatic workflows. The applicant will assist in all aspects of workflow creation, testing, and QA. The applicant will work with large repositories of GWAS and NGS data, both publicly available as well as proprietary and locally held datasets, and will be responsible for the appropriate management, usage and analysis of the data.

The applicant must be a motivated individual with the ability to work independently. and must demonstrate strong research skills and principles to assist in the creation of workflows and advise on the appropriate bioinformatic/analytic techniques.

[Data Analyst](#)

We are seeking a data analyst to conduct advanced analyses for observational research in HIV, co-infections and pharmacoepidemiology. The position will be within the Chronic Viral Illness Service (CVIS), a large university based HIV clinical research unit based at the Centre For Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) of the RI-MUHC. Analyses will primarily be based in the Canadian Coinfection Cohort Study (www.cocostudy.ca), a CIHR funded prospective multicentre cohort study of 1800 HIV-hepatitis C co-infected patients. We are also active in large national and international collaborative observational research groups evaluating health outcomes for HIV-infected patients using rich clinical databases. Our current research interests focus on HIV and hepatitis C coinfection, access to care and the impact of HIV and HCV treatments on health outcomes in vulnerable populations

NOTE: The masculine gender has been used for brevity and includes the feminine gender.