

2022-2023
***Annual
Report***

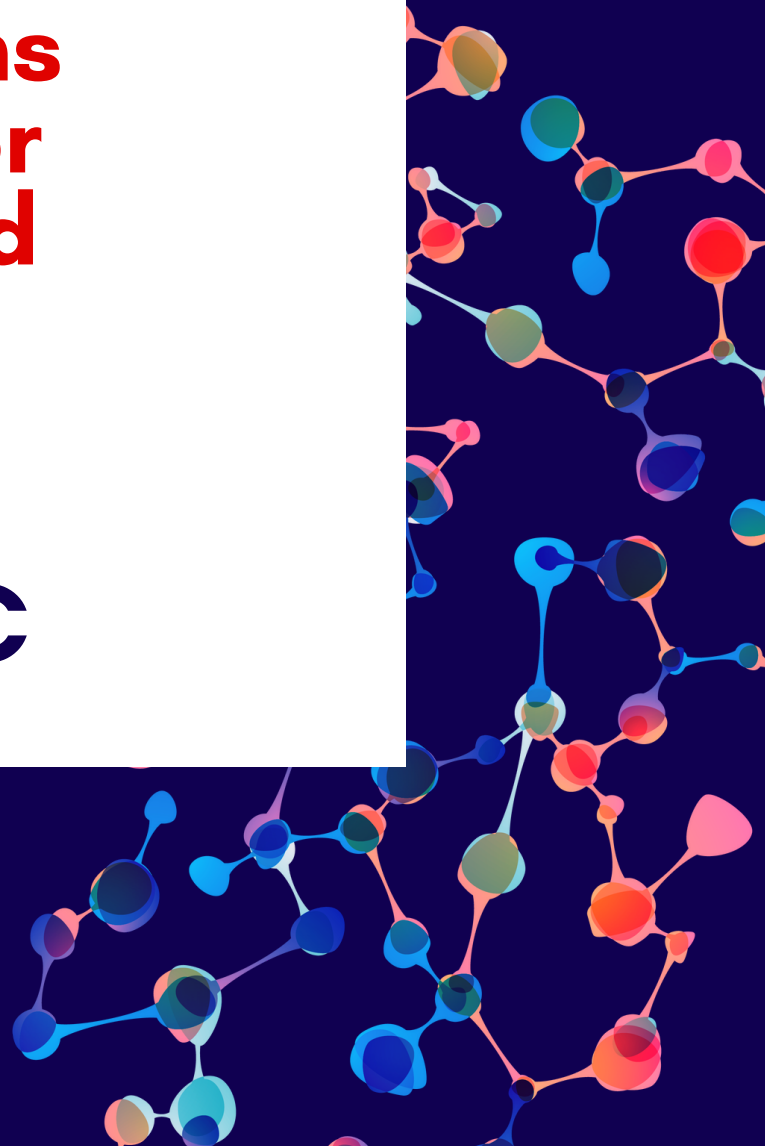
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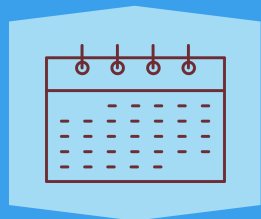


Overview

Our Measurable Impact



In 2022, over **1000** participants (including repeat clients) engaged with DCAT (attended an event, sought support or information from DCAT).



DCAT hosted over **50** events in 2022, including workshops and seminars.



In 2022, there were **95** sessions of individual career advising.



Between 2019 and 2023 over **50** trainees (Montreal, Edmonton, Vancouver, Guelph, Toronto) have graduated from the Clinical and Regulatory Affairs Program. Trainee career outcomes include diverse professional roles at Medpace, Congruence Therapeutics, RI-MUHC; ICON, Bioventus, Princess Margaret; Montreal InVivo, Lundbeck, etc.



Fall 2022: Secured dedicated grant funding for **2** specialized programs with national and provincial audiences.

New Programs With Dedicated Grant Funding

CANTRAIN

CANTRAIN is a Clinical Trial Training Platform funded by CIHR which will focus on four training streams to prepare the current and future workforce of Canada in clinical trials. CANTRAIN defines end-user needs and customizes training activities to fit those needs through modular learning. It focuses on standardized competency building (not only on capacity building) with transferability career paths across institutions and organizations. Finally, it makes training accessible and innovative (in-person and e-learning/virtual learning) and adaptable/flexible (through modular learning) and ensure sustainability. A specific training stream for postgraduate students (MSc and PhD students) focuses on preparing these future professionals for roles in clinical and regulatory affairs. It is led by DCAT and will transform the previously named Clinical and Regulatory Affairs Experience Training Program into a national training platform for graduate students seeking to expand their career options.

TREMPLIN

The McGill-affiliated Consortium of Career and Professional Development (CPD) is a multi-centre collaboration that will improve the career readiness of over 1600 research trainees, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. It is made up of four McGill-affiliated health research centres: RI-MUHC (lead); Lady Davis Institute; The Douglas Research Centre; and The Centre de Recherche de Biologie Structurale. The McGill consortium will provide trainees with opportunities for career conversations, increased career exposure, and relevant career transition skills, all of which are essential for students to develop their own individual career plans. (Phase 1). We will grow the career mentorship opportunities across our centres by creating a peer mentoring network and building up the capacity of our faculty, staff and postdocs to mentor and guide the careers of trainees (Phase 1). A core contribution of our consortium will be the targeted training programs that will help trainees become T-shaped professionals who will be able to meet employers' demands for cross-functional skillsets and generalist knowledge (Phase 2). The RI-MUHC will lead the development of activities in the area of precision health careers and professional development.

Testimonials

C&RA Alumni Mixer Event June 9, 2023

To the donors, thank you for your support in funding the C&RA program. This program has truly been the highlight of my graduate studies. I learned so much and I now know what kind of career I hope to pursue. Having the opportunity to engage and learn from the expert team at DCAT and the CIM is something I will cherish forever. Thank you to everyone involved.

2022-2023 graduate

The C&RA Experience was crucial for me knowing what I liked (or disliked...), what I was searching for in a job, outside of academia. It was a great transition and I learned much more than just C&RA knowledge. I recommend it to my peers 100%! I am glad it will be offered to Canadian residents at large and I am sure it will make a difference in positioning Canada as a leading nation in clinical research.

2022-2023 graduate

The C&RA Experience has been such an incredible experience. It has broadened my knowledge and skillset beyond academic settings. I had the opportunity to work with such bright and ambitious individuals in my cohort and group of mentors/seminar leaders. I feel so optimistic about the future and the sciences. The C&RA program has opened so many doors for me and I am excited to follow-up on connections made!

2021-2022 graduate

I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to take part in this program! The relevant course content and incredible network of people have helped bring clarity to my career aspirations!

2021-2022 graduate

The program not only introduced me to the foundations of clinical research, it really helped me refine my interests and career goals. I am now working in a regulatory environment and I use my learnings regularly - I am quite confident the C&RA program helped me get the job!

2021-2022 graduate



On June 9th, 2023, participants and facilitators from 4 cohorts of the C&RA Program attended our Alumni Mixer event. Pictured is a group made up of graduates from the various cohorts from 2019-2023.

Summary

Pillars of DCAT



EXPLORATION

Provides trainees with a chance to discover diverse career paths and options.



NETWORKING

Facilitates connections between trainees and mentors in various fields, such as industry, government, and academia.



COMMUNITY

Designs programs that facilitate group activities for peers with similar career interests, including brainstorming, discussions, and presentations.



DEVELOPMENT

Provides training that aims to enhance both hard and soft skills, including project management, clinical trials management, communication, and business acumen.

Conclusion

Thank you!

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We thank Desjardins for their generous contribution that allows us to provide such valuable career programming to graduate trainees.

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