

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

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

News

Professional and Career Development

Want to receive our new career planning document for RI-MUHC Trainees?

What is the next step in your career after graduate school? Have you thought about what careers might be a good fit for you or what jobs a person with an MSc/PhD might hold? **Starting in January, the RI-MUHC's Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training will be inviting graduate students to participate to a brief 15 minute meet-and-greet with a career resource advisor today to receive a copy of our new career planning document *Plan Ahead for your Career!***

We would like to:

- Meet you
- Make referrals to programs or services that can help you plan your career
- Help you explore career options
- Give tips and advice about careers for health scientists



NOTE: McGill's Skillsets, Graphos and CaPS are continually updating their calendar for the 2017/2018 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/>

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>.

EVENTS

Biotalk by District 3 Innovation Centre

District 3 Innovation Centre (Concordia University) is organizing a set of meetups for those interested in innovation and entrepreneurship in the life sciences world. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with innovators in our field. The first Biotalk Café invites Dr. John Gillard a research expert in medicinal chemistry who has co-founded and served in several pharmaceutical and therapeutic companies, including: KalGene Pharmaceuticals, Aegera Therapeutics, IBEX Technologies, Kinetek Pharma, BioChem Pharma, and Merck.

February 15th, 5:30 pm – 7 pm

Where: District 3 Innovation Centre, 1250 Guy street, Suite 600

Register at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/biotalk-cafe-with-dr-john-gillard-tickets-42632553114>

Interested in learning more
Further Reading
career and professional development

[US Postdocs need more support from their institutions, says advocacy group](#) - Karen Kaplan (NatureJobs Blog)

[Embrace teamwork to advance your career](#) - Maren Wood (University Affairs)

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For graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at McGill

EVENTS

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR OF FALL EVENTS AT [MYINVOLVEMENT MCGILL](#) . SESSIONS INCLUDE:

MyResearch: Graduate Seminar Series (Modules offered by McGill Library)

* Register in advance using the links. The sessions listed are for graduate students in the Health & Biological Sciences.

[MyResearch Module 1: EndNote Essentials](#)

Learn to use EndNote: a powerful citation management program that will change the way you do research

February 7, 2:30 – 4:30pm

[MyResearch Module 2: Graduate Research Tool Kit](#)

Understand and locate different types of information produced at each stage of the research cycle

February 9, 2:30 – 4:30pm

[MyResearch Module 3: Search Strategies & Techniques](#)

Learn advanced search strategies and techniques to make the best use of specialized resources for your discipline

February 14, 2:30 – 4:30pm

[MyResearch Module 4: Getting Your Research Out](#)

Learn about issues and trends in scholarly publishing, and gain a better understanding of citation analysis tools and metrics

February 16, 2:30 – 4:30pm

Write your Way to the Right Job: CVs and Cover Letters

February 15, 10:30 - 11:30am

Brown 5001, 3600 rue McTavish

Whether you're looking for a part-time job on campus, an internship, a full-time career-related position or applying to a graduate program, your CV and cover letter need to be top notch. Take your application materials to the next level with this interactive and informative workshop covering CV content and format, cover letter writing, and expert tips for tailoring your applications to specific employers/programs.

<https://caps.myfuture.mcgill.ca/students/index.php?mode=form&id=d0488799ab5bec320d5c9001552188bd&s=event&ss=ws>

Effective CVs for a Career Outside Academia

February 21 at 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Brown 5001, 3600 rue McTavish

Academic and non-academic employers have very different needs, and conduct their hiring in different ways. That means that candidates need to tailor their CVs when they apply outside of academia, but deciding what to change and what to include can be a confusing process. [Click here to register on myFuture!](#)

How to talk about yourself: Interviewing Strategies

February 23, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Brown Building RM 5001

3600 rue McTavish

Interviewing is often the most stressful aspect of the job search process. In this workshop, we will discuss what to do before, during and after a non-academic job interview.

<https://caps.myfuture.mcgill.ca/students/index.php?mode=form&id=cdcba3b735b497bffb6d5dc05265c242&s=event&ss=ws>

EVENTS

The **Life Science Entrepreneurship Development Program** is an immersive and experiential training program created by an unprecedented collaboration between Montréal InVivo, the life sciences and health technology (LSHT) cluster, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Université de Montréal, and Concordia University's John Molson Executive Centre.

You will learn cutting-edge managerial techniques, providing you strategies to develop and grow an innovative business. Divided in nine intensive 2-to-3 day modules from March 2018 to January 2019, you will experience more than 150 hours of relevant strategic content. Designed to strengthen the skills of all LSHT innovative thinkers, you will be able to:

Apply leading management techniques from the lab to the market

Obtain valuable industry insights and tools to speed up growth of your business

Stand out by bringing high-impact knowledge to your business

Academic researchers and students benefit from a special rate for this course: \$5,890 (%25 discount)

To learn more and register: <https://www.concordia.ca/jmsb/executive-education/expertise/health-management/life-sciences-entrepreneurship-development.html>

[Increase your impact: sharing neuroscience research with diverse audiences](#) (brought to you by HBHL-Skillsets)

Tuesday, February 13 at 12-1:30pm

McLennan Library, Research Commons A

How can you get your research out, in addition to journals and conferences? How can you describe your complex neuroscience research in terms that everyone can understand, from experts to the public?

This free interactive workshop invites you to discover a wealth of research dissemination opportunities, how to select the ones that are best for you, and how to present your neuroscience research in a way that is accessible and engaging for diverse audiences.

Coffee and snacks will be provided. All graduate students and postdocs with an interest in neuroscience are welcome.

Notable achievements of RI-MUHC students

Trainee Kudos

Congratulations to....

- **Catherine Argyriou**, doctoral student in Dr. Nancy Braverman's lab, whose presentation contributed to Team Braverman's victory at the 2017 AmorChem KNOCKOUT event. [Learn more](#)
- **Anne-Sophie Brazeau**, PhD, a postdoc supervised by Dr. Kaberi Dasgupta, who won the Prix Engagement 2017 – Lussier Dale Parizeau from the OPDQ. [Learn more](#)
- **Brendan Snarr**, PhD, a postdoc who shares the limelight with supervisor Dr. Don Sheppard, for one of the Top 10 Discoveries of 2017 selected by *Québec Science*. [Learn more](#)
- Trainees distinguished in the [2016-2017 RI-MUHC Annual Report!](#)
- Students **Renata Bahous**, **Claire Gizowski**, **Kashif Khan** and **Emerson Krock**; postdocs **Dorival Martins**, PhD, **Claire Nash**, PhD, **Jessica Widdifield**, PhD, and **Lama Yamani**, PhD (see pp. 16-17).
- **Marie-Julie Allard**, a student supervised by Dr. Guillaume Sébire (p. 6).
- Postdoc **James Renaud**, PhD, and doctoral student **Marc-André Renaud**, in a segment on Dr. Jan Seuntjens' laboratory (pp. 9-10).