

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

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018

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

News



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>.

For more information:
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Professional and Career Development

Did you know that **project management** is a top skill sought by employers in many sectors?

You likely employ the skill of project management in your day to day as a graduate student or PDF in order to get things done, and stay on track. However, without knowing the theories of project management, or being able to articulate what strategies you use and why it can be hard to convince an employer that you excel at project management. Moreover, you want them to know that you can use the PM tools available to manage your projects successfully. This will also help you in your research.

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. For a greater description of what the workshop will entail please see the following (content may vary, a final description will be shared with registrants):

https://www.concordia.ca/students/gradproskills/workshops/details.html?subject_area=GPLD&catalog_number=650

EVENTS

Basic Concepts of Project Management

When: Tuesday, April 10th, 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:

Register now at www.surveymonkey.com/r/9NM52SK

Interested in learning more
Further Reading
career and professional development

[How to introduce yourself to employers outside academia, after your PhD](#) – Chris Humphrey, PhD (Jobs on Toast)

[Two tricks to help others understand your career path](#) – Liz Koblyk (University Affairs)

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The Graduate Certificate in Business Administration (GCBA)

Complement your training in the health sciences with business skills

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Register now for an information session about the GCBA and to learn more about the collaboration between the John Molson School of Business (Concordia University) and the Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training to offer business skills training to graduate students and postdocs.

Information Session, Glen site

Thursday, April 12th, noon-1:00pm, room EM1.3509

Information Session, MGH site

Thursday, May 10th, noon-1:00pm, room L7-140

- Speak with program specialist from the JMSB
- Pizza and drinks will be served

For more information: <https://www.concordia.ca/jmsb/programs/graduate/diploma/program-details/ri-muhc-partnership.html>

Please register in advance at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/9NM52SK

Your Career: Spring into Action

Come to actively work on your career

These four sessions are designed to give you time to actively work on components of your career preparation and advancement.

Need to update your CV? Need to figure out what careers could be right for you? Need to do some research on careers? Don't know your transferable skills? These sessions are for you!

Each session plans ample time for you to work individually or in groups with guidance and facilitation by the Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training. You can attend one or more sessions. This is an accelerated and abbreviated version of our successful PCG Program developed with Career Planning Service of McGill University.

Selecting Career Options with a Good Fit

Wed, April 11, 2018 | 9 - 11 am - EM1.3509, Glen site

Design Your Career / Research Your Field of Interest

Wed, April 18, 2018 | 9 - 11 am - EM1.3509, Glen site

What Are My Transferable Skills?

Mon, April 23, 2018 | 2 - 4 pm - EM1.3509, Glen site

Update My CV in 2 Hours

Mon, April 30, 2018 | 2 - 4 pm - EM1.3509, Glen site

Register now for one or more sessions at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/springcareeri>

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Beyond the Professoriate: Online Conference Giveaway

We will be giving away up to 15 free registrations to this conference

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The Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training of the RI-MUHC is giving away **up to 15 FREE REGISTRATIONS** to “Beyond the Professoriate” - a two-day virtual conference (May 5th and May 12th) where you will hear from doctoral-degree holders who successfully transitioned to work beyond the professoriate and learn job search strategies from career education professionals. This is the premiere online conference of this nature. **Those who are interested in being considered for a free registration should contact us at emily.bell@mcgill.ca before March 16th at 4pm to receive the application form.**



For more information about the conference see:
<https://community.beyondprof.com/conference>

Rosalie Ponte, PhD Postdoctoral fellow

Supervisor: [Dr. Jean-Pierre Routy](#)
[Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health Program](#)

Studying immune privilege and persistence of HIV despite therapy, Dr. Rosalie Ponte has established two collaborations and published two articles as first author. She has earned an RI-MUHC fellowship (2016-2017), two Young Investigator Awards at the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (USA, 2016 and 2018), a Travel Award to the International AIDS Society, France (2017), and Best Poster Award at the Association Francophone pour le Savoir, Montreal (2017). She has also raised over \$7,000 for her program's annual research days.

Nowrin Hoque and Jaryd Sullivan Masters students

Supervisor: [Dr. Marcel Behr](#)
[Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health Program](#)

Congratulations to two students in Dr. Behr's lab who earned CF Canada studentships in the same competition! Nowrin Hoque previously worked in Dr. Dao Nguyen's laboratory. She is looking at whether new drugs developed to fight tuberculosis can also benefit patients with disease due to related non-tuberculosis mycobacteria (NTM), more commonly seen in CF patients. Jaryd Sullivan's project involves developing a new method to determine whether drugs bind to the bacterial target, in collaboration with the Structural Genomics Consortium. The goal of his project is to discover novel compounds that can be used to combat NTM infections in CF patients.

Jeffrey Downey Doctoral student

Supervisor: [Dr. Maziar Divangahi](#)
[Translational Research in Respiratory Diseases Program](#)

Congratulations to Jeffrey Downey, first author of an article selected for an MUHC press release! Read about this work, which involves development of a biological weapon using our immune response to combat the flu: [Meet RIPK3: Good Cop, Bad Cop, all in one](#)

Notable achievements of RI-MUHC students Trainee Kudos

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Professional and Career Development

For graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at McGill

EVENTS

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

[Presenting Your Research: Preparing for the Academic Interview](#)

23Mar2018 10:30-12:00

Location: McGill Student Service Building (3600 McTavish St, Brown Bldg, Room 3001)

This joint workshop from CaPS and Graphos is intended for graduate students who are entering the academic job market and whose first language is not English. We will focus specifically on preparing for a brief research talk as part of the interviewing process.

By attending this workshop, students will be able to:

- 1) Learn how to prepare for the talk, manage nerves, and communicate effectively
- 2) Gain tips and strategies on how to manage the speed, clarity and pronunciation of your research talk.

Register in advance.

[Effective CVs for a Career Outside Academia \(March Session\)](#)

15Mar2018 13:30-14:30

Location: McGill Student Service Building (3600 McTavish St, Brown Bldg, Room 3001)

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. This workshop will give you an understanding of the key differences between academic and non-academic CVs, and help you to understand how to translate your research and accomplishment into a non-academic format.

By attending this workshop, students will be able to:

- 1) Identify key differences between an academic and non-academic CV
- 2) Understand how to organize and format a non-academic CV
- 3) Describe their skills and accomplishments in a way that is meaningful to non-academic employers

Register in advance.

[Using Idea Charts to Direct Your Research Towards Publication](#)

Friday, March 16, 2018

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This workshop is offered by Graphos. Interested in learning a new approach to organizing your research and writing? This workshop will introduce "idea charts" as a way to focus research by outlining a manuscript, from hypothesis to potential results. Based on a modification of quad charts, used in business for over 30 years, several universities in the US are adapting similar techniques to increase their publications. Register in advance.

The RI-MUHC is hiring

Job posting which may be filled by a current or former graduate student (MSc)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – IMMUNOPHENOTYPING PLATFORM

The Immunophenotyping Platform is seeking an efficient, highly-motivated, enthusiastic and detail-oriented research assistant with solid expertise in flow cytometry for a temporary full-time position, renewable on an annual basis. The incumbent will support the research activities of the platform and actively participate in its scientific development.

See the full job posting attached in this email.