

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

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

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

EVENTS

Planning for your **Future career**

Start now. Spaces are limited.

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

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/careeday2018>



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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>.

McGill Career Planning Service (CaPS) at the Glen site!!

Jesse McClintock, career advisor at McGill's Career Planning Service will be offering individual appointments at the Glen on Wednesdays October 17th, November 14th, and December 5th. Sign up to get: assistance with identifying your career options, personal goals and strengths, job search strategies, help with your application (cv, resume, and cover letter), prepare for job interviews, or discuss anything else related to your career. To book an appointment with Jesse at the Glen site, please call CaPS at 514-398-3304. Please specify that you are a Glen student or postdoc, and that you want to book an appoint at the Glen. Jesse is also available other days to meet at his office downtown (3600 McTavish), if this is more convenient for you.

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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 officers and other senior 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

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 WATCHING

[Be a Professor by Beyond the Professoriate](#)

9 October 2018- David McDonald, PhD, (Associate Director of Graduate Career Services, Duke University) will lead a session on [How to Apply for a Faculty Position in a STEM Discipline](#). Free registration.

TRAINEE KUDOS

Eva Kaufmann, PhD
Postdoctoral fellow

Supervisor: [Maziar Divangahi, PhD, Translational Research in Respiratory Diseases Program](#)

Eva Kaufmann is the winner of the August 2018 Relève étoile Jacques-Genest award from the Fonds de recherche du Québec-Santé. She is the lead author on a study recently published in the journal *Cell* that demonstrated a novel approach for reprogramming stem cells to generate protective innate immunity (trained immunity) against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection. This novel study paves the path for developing a new vaccine against tuberculosis and potentially other infectious diseases.

[Learn more](#)