

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

The Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training of the RI-MUHC facilitates RI-MUHC research trainees' growth as knowledge creators, leaders, experts, and innovators by creating opportunities for:

- Social and community participation
- Professional skills and career development opportunities

In 2016, we are hosting a variety of events that should be of interest to trainees. We want to increase your exposure to career options for the health scientist, offer you the opportunity to develop your leadership abilities, and help you navigate the search for non-academic and academic careers. Please see a listing of our upcoming events below and join us at these **FREE sessions**.



EVENTS



Seminar Series: What's your path? Career options for health scientists Wednesdays (February and March) 3-4:30pm, RI-Auditorium, Glen Site*

Don't know much about the different career paths of life science trainees like yourself? Former life science trainees will answer key questions about their current work, like, "how did you decide this was the right career for you", "where did you start your search", "what does your everyday look like", "what advice would you give your former life science trainee-self about careers". **These are FREE sessions and pre-registration is not required.** February's scheduled seminars are as follows (all in room ES1.1129 unless noted):

Beyond the Gates: Discovering jobs through networking

*Friday February 5th, 10-11:30am

Lorna MacEachern, Graduate and postgraduate counsellor at Career and Planning Service, McGill

What do we know about the career interests and prospects of today's advanced life science trainees?

Wednesday, February 17th, 3-4:30pm

Emily Bell, PhD, Manager of the Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training of the RI-MUHC

Prospecting for the 21st century researcher (and research-entrepreneurs)

Wednesday, February 24th, 3-4:30pm

Jesse Vincent-Herscovici, MA, Senior Account Manager at Mitacs

Fanny Dupuy, PhD, Business Development Specialist at Mitacs

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

Lorna MacEachern, who works in graduate and postdoctoral career development at the McGill Career Planning Service, will be offering individual appointments at the Glen on **February 26th**. 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 Lorna 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. Lorna is also available other days to meet at her office downtown (3600 Mctavish), if this is more convenient for you.



Explore your personal leadership qualities through workshops offered at the Glen Site by McGill Campus Life and Engagement

These 55 minute workshops can help you recognize the skills that you already have that make you a great leader. Learn more about yourself, learn to articulate why you are a great leader, and develop and refine your leadership skills. These engaging, stimulating and fun workshops are limited to 50 participants and pre-registration will be required.

Save the dates to attend one or both - registration information will follow.

Workshop #1: What is "Leadership"?

March 8th 1-2 p.m., Room EM1.3509

Learn more about "leadership" (that term that we use so much and have so many interpretations of) in theory and practice in just under one hour! This workshop will let you explore what leadership is and how you can be a part of an accessible and relevant leadership development process during your career here at McGill.

Workshop #2: Topic TBA

March 22nd 1-2 p.m., Room EM1.3509

Apply for a \$1000 award from the FRQS

The Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé awards \$1000 per month to a student researcher (including postdoc) who has published an article, a book or book chapter or other work that is judged to importantly advance knowledge of the area of research.

Those trainees who have published scientific papers in the last seven months should apply before the spring deadline of **March 1, 2016** for this étudiants-chercheurs étoiles competition. Winners will have their photo and work circulated to the wide research community in Québec.

<http://www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca/en/bourses-et-subventions/consulter-les-programmes-remplir-une-demande/bourse/etudiants-chercheurs-etoiles-awards--2016-2017-z7b9iy2r1435933991282>

FURTHER READING

How to build a better PhD (Nature)

<http://www.nature.com/news/how-to-build-a-better-phd-1.18905>

Some good and bad ideas for restructuring the PhD (University Affairs)

<http://www.universityaffairs.ca/opinion/the-black-hole/some-good-and-bad-ideas-for-restructuring-the-phd/>

Canadian PhDs need employers to take notice of their skills – what conditions are necessary to do so? (The Bell Curve)

<http://truemilybell.tumblr.com/post/135448573900/canadian-phds-need-employers-to-take-notice-of>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Foundation of Project Management I (February 10 & 11)

This 2-day free workshop offered by Mitacs for graduate and postdoctoral fellows at McGill will see you work in small groups to tackle the basics of project management. The collaborative and experiential format of the workshop is the backdrop for learning how to build and lead project teams and how to plan and schedule the different aspects of projects.

Project management is an essential skill for many careers pursued by health scientists in academia, the pharmaceutical or clinical trials industry, and administration so your attendance at this workshop could help boost your CV and prepare you to speak with others about how you manage your work and projects.

<https://step.mitacs.ca/en/workshop/2016/02/foundation-project-management-i-montreal-february-10-and-11-2016>

Responding to Journal Reviewers (February 19)

Do you have a scientific paper under review? Are you struggling to respond to peer review comments about your manuscript? Do you wonder what you need to do to give yourself the best chance of seeing your manuscript with requested revisions accepted? This workshop offered by Graphos will help graduate students and postdocs who are early in their careers synthesize the criticism of journal peer reviewers, and tactfully deal with the requested revisions.

Understanding how to respond appropriately to journal peer reviewers can make the difference between seeing your paper accepted or not!

<https://www.mcgill.ca/graphos/workshops/reviews16>

FUNDING

Postdoctoral positions at Astrazeneca – application open soon (close in eight weeks)!!!

Pursue an academic-style postdoctoral position at AstraZeneca, a global pharmaceutical company and become part of the next generation of pharmaceutical scientific leaders.

Motivated, enthusiastic individuals with excellent track records from diverse scientific disciplines are encouraged to apply and learn more here:

<http://www.astrazenecacareers.com/students/programmes/imed-early-talent/postdoc/>

Send us your trainee kudos

Have you recently published a paper? Are you involved in neat extra-curricular activities? Have you recently received a scholarship or award?

We want to hear from you any kudos or congratulations that we can communicate to the RI-MUHC community as a whole.

Don't miss this opportunity to see your hard work and accomplishments acknowledged! Send short descriptions of kudos to ritraineenews@muhc.mcgill.ca

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