

# 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

## FURTHER READING

[Open Collaboration in Open Labs](#) (The Rutgers iJOBS blog)

[Tips for networking for Career Half-Day](#)

**NOTE:** McGill's Skillsets, Graphos and CaPS are continually updating their calendar for the 2016/2017 year. **See a full list of posted activities at:**

<https://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets/calendar> and at <https://www.mcgill.ca/graphos/courses>. **Check back often** and if there are activities that you see listed that you would like to see held at the RI-MUHC contact [emily.bell@mcgill.ca](mailto:emily.bell@mcgill.ca).

## EVENTS

[Career Half-Day for RI-MUHC trainees](#)

**Friday, September 9, 2016**

**9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**ES1.1129 (Amphitheatre/Atrium), Glen site**

There are still **50** places left for the 2-hour interactive workshop in the morning given by Dr. Colin White (Boston, MA), a former postdoctoral fellow and specialist in career consulting for the life sciences.

Register now at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/career-half-day-for-ri-muhc-trainees-registration-26054828694>

### Cooperathon information session

**Tuesday, September 6, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

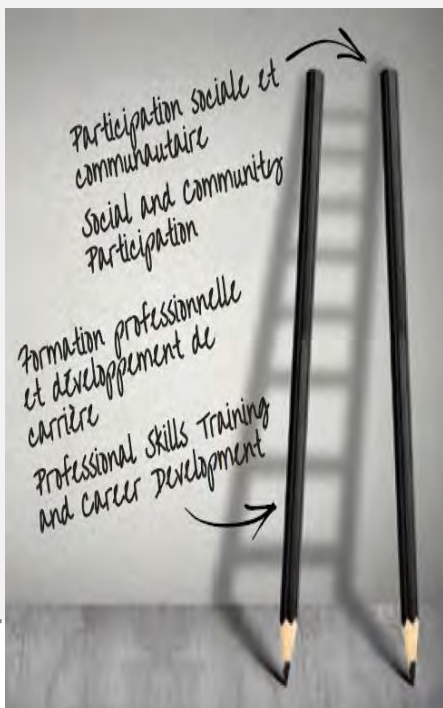
**EM1.3509 (Glen site)**

[Hacking Health Montreal](#) would like to invite you to participate in their largest event yet, the Cooperathon, organized in partnership with Desjardins. Together, interdisciplinary teams of developers, designers, healthcare professionals, academics and business people will create solutions to today's most pressing health challenges. The format is designed to reward team spirit and alliances with the community just as much as it does innovative ideas.

There will be an information session on September 6th held at the Glen Site to introduce the concept of the event and to go into detail about the timeline and opportunities. It is an ideal activity for research trainees who wish to expand their skillsets, as it is the perfect introduction to entrepreneurship and a great way to develop business and networking skills in a collaborative and friendly environment.

[R.S.V.P. via Eventbrite.](#)

Visit this [website](#) to see some of the previous projects undertaken at Hacking Health events.



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## EVENTS

**THE [DESJARDINS CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING](#) IS LAUNCHING A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES THIS FALL IN COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS:**

### **A. SESSIONS THAT HELP YOU PREPARE WINNING SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

#### **Tips for success: CIHR/FRQS Training Awards\***

Monday, September 12, 2016

10 am – 11:30 am

ES1.1129 (Glen site)

#### **Tips for success: CIHR/FRQS Training Awards\***

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

10 am - 11:30 am

L7-140 (MGH)

The above workshops will be given by McGill/RI-MUHC professors with deep insight on student award applications gained from serving on training award committees. You will get to understand **the reviewer's perspective**. Learn about the different awards available through CIHR and FRQS and the evaluation criteria that reviewer's apply. Learn what writing tips can lead to success when applying for a training award.

\*Offered in collaboration with Skillsets. Pre-registration is **not required** but can be completed at <https://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets/calendar/fellowships-funding/fellowship-events>

#### **Writing your scholarship application (a workshop offered by Graphos)**

Friday, September 16, 2016

9 am - 11am

EM1.3509 (Glen site)

#### **Polishing your scholarship application (a workshop offered by Graphos)**

Friday, September 23, 2016

9 am - 11am

EM1.3509 (Glen site)

These workshops are useful for trainees currently applying to awards, but also for trainees who want to improve their grant writing skills. \*Offered in collaboration with Graphos. Pre-registration is **not required** but please register if you know you will attend at

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

#### **Would you fund it?**

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

By appointment (Glen site)

Individual consultations are offered to graduate students or future graduate students who are applying for external funding. You will have the opportunity to have your project summary reviewed by a senior postdoc or research associate in a 20 minute appointment. The reviewer will scan the document and provide feedback on the structure, relevance, and language accuracy with suggestions on how to improve the draft.

You must register in advance for an individual consultation, an email will follow with information about registration.

**B. CAREER EXPLORATION FOR HEALTH SCIENTISTS: A TO Z****Peer Career Groups (PCG)**

Information Session on Thursday, September 15, 2016

9:30 am – 10:15 am

EM1.3509 (Glen site), with PCGs to be held at different locations across the RI-MUHC

Many health science researchers are not aware of the incredible diversity of career options they can pursue and need some guidance in learning how to explore these options. The Peer Career Groups (PCG) program provides an opportunity to explore self and career from A to Z. Similar group coaching programs offered by private career counselors cost up to \$1000. Our program, offered by CaPS and D-CAT, is **FREE** for McGill students and fellows.

**Over the 6 months in the program you will:**

- Actively engage in self-reflection through structured exercises to reveal individual strengths, values and interests
- Engage in individual activities and discuss your progress in peer triads (we will match you with peers who are similar in terms of training and goals).
- Participate in 5 workshops designed to introduce the next stage of work you will do on your own and with your triads.
- Work with a small group of peers to foster a supportive network for discussing individual strengths, values, and interests to gain additional insights and perspectives.
- Obtain information about a variety of career paths both through independent research and networking with PCG participants.

**If you are unable to attend the information session or are interested in registering for the program immediately, please fill out the information at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peercareergroups>**

**EVENT****Admission to medical school information session**

Monday, September 19, 1:30 – 3 pm

EM1.3509 (Glen site)

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