

Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training of the RI-MUHC:  
**RI-MUHC Bursary Competition for the Life Sciences Entrepreneurship  
Development Program (supporting MSc, PhD students and Postdoctoral  
Fellows)**

**Application deadline:** Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 5pm

**Applicants will be informed of the results by** Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 5pm

Questions, contact us at [dcat@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:dcat@muhc.mcgill.ca)

The **Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Development Program** (LSEDP) 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.

We are launching the first Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (RI-MUHC) Bursary Competition offering exceptional trainees the opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial skills, in addition to their academic skills. **Up to three bursaries** (valued at approximately \$5,890 CAD) will be offered to MSc students, PhD students, or Postdoctoral fellows affiliated with the RI-MUHC, to participate in the Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Development Program.

**About the program:**

Divided into **10 intensive two-day modules**, you will experience more than 150 hours of relevant strategic content in this cohort based model of training. Designed to strengthen the skills of all life sciences and health technology (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 the growth of your business.
- Stand out by bringing high-impact knowledge to your business.

More information about the specific topics addressed in the program and schedule is available at: <https://www.concordia.ca/jmsb/executive-education/expertise/health-management/life-sciences-entrepreneurship-development>

You do not need to have an entrepreneurial project right now that you are currently working on. In your application you will have the choice of highlighting your entrepreneurial skills and interests which make you a good candidate for the training program.

## Timelines and Key Dates

|   | Time                                |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Application deadline (Cohort 6)         | June 22, 2023                       |
| Award Announcement                      | Before July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 |
| Program start and end dates* (Cohort 6) | September 15, 2023 – June 15, 2024* |

### \* Candidate Commitment

By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to the following if selected as an award recipient:

- Attend all sessions of the Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Development Program, and;
- Meet the requirements of the Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Development Program; and
- Consent to having their name and affiliation included in DCAT communications, and provide content for DCAT communications related to their experience in the program.

### 1. Value and Term

The bursary will be paid directly to Concordia University to support the successful applicant's participation in the program. Three scholarships will be awarded. The amount awarded to each recipient will cover the full program registration fees of \$5,890 + taxes.

### 2. Eligibility

Applicants must be registered full-time in a McGill University graduate or post-graduate program when they plan **to take up the bursary**. Applicant's supervisor must hold a Senior Scientist, Scientist, Junior Scientist or Investigator appointment at the RI-MUHC. Applicants whose supervisors hold Associate Investigator appointments are **not** eligible to apply. Please contact [dcats@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:dcats@muhc.mcgill.ca) if you have questions about your specific eligibility.

### 3. Application Process

| Required Documents       | Maximum Length<br>(12-point, Times Roman font, or<br>11-point Calibri) |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. DCAT application form | Will be provided upon request  |

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| 3. CV/Resume                           | Maximum 2 pages |
| 4. Letter of interest (see below)      | Maximum 2 pages |
| 5. Letter of reference from supervisor | Maximum 2 pages |

### DCAT Application form

Applicants must complete the DCAT application form. You can request this form at [dcat@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:dcat@muhc.mcgill.ca).

### CV/Resume

Although **work experience is not required**, applicants must provide a copy of their CV / resume showing education, professional experience and achievements, including internships and volunteering, if applicable. Your CV / resume should:

- be complete (e.g. providing year AND month timeframes);
- be legible and concise (**2 pages MAX**);
- include a summary of your academic, professional and personal achievements;
- highlight your greatest achievements to date.

### Letter of interest

Your letter of interest should indicate their **reasons for choosing the program**, their **background** and **career goals** and, importantly, how the program will help them to achieving those goals.

Overall, applicants will want to convey not only that the program is right for them, but that they are right for the program. In the two page letter of interest you must also complete **one of the following**:

- Proposed project (if you are already working on an entrepreneurial project)
- Entrepreneurship or innovation skills or interests

#### **Option 1: A. Proposed Project:**

Please describe your project, the market for the project, including the state of the project, the time that you devote to it currently, any other programs or competitions you have participated in, your vision for how the training will support the growth of the project.

Describe how the project is innovative; how it links to the field of biotechnology (drug, therapy, etc.), medical technology (device, detection, virtual tool for advising the clinician, massive data, etc.) or health information/communication technology (interactions between health professionals, public awareness, etc.)

#### **Option 2: B. Entrepreneurial and innovation skills and interests**

Discuss importance of entrepreneurship in your career path. To do so, describe a situation (e.g. training, internship, job, networking activity, involvement in an innovative project, business creation, etc.) that demonstrates your entrepreneurial spirit.

Specify how you have demonstrated:

1. motivation (e.g., leadership, coordination, resource mobilization, perseverance, etc.);
2. Entrepreneurial skills (e.g. determination, adaptability, innovative thinking); Entrepreneurial attitude (e.g., action and results orientation, innovation, etc.)

#### Reference letter from your supervisor

Please have your supervisor prepare a maximum **two-page document that details:**

- How long they have known you
- Why you will benefit from participation in the training
- Your key strengths that make you a good candidate for the training
- Their support for your participation alongside your graduate or postdoctoral work.

## **4. Submitting your application materials**

Your application materials must be sent:

To DCAT/RI-MUHC by email [dcat@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:dcat@muhc.mcgill.ca) in one pdf document.

A reminder that the deadline for all material to be submitted is **June 22, 2023.**

## **5. Review Process**

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Research experience (20%)
2. Letter of reference (30%)
3. Letter of intent (50%)

Applications will be reviewed by DCAT staff and candidates will be selected based on their motivation in developing their experience related to innovation and commercialization.