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Education: BSc, Honours Psychology

Supervisor(s): TBD

Dept.: TBD

Work location: TBD

Project: TBD

Selected Award(s): TBD

Research Description: While my research program has yet to be fully defined, I am fascinated by cognitive functions, their underlying physiology and the effect of diseases on cognition. I have a keen interest in translating what we know about cognitive functions to benefit people affected by diseases that affect cognition.

Why did you decide to pursue both MDCM and PhD degrees? What are your career aspirations? To me, few careers would be as fulfilling and meaningful as combining clinical activities with research. I chose the MD-PhD program because it will prepare me for a career doing just that: working directly with patients—whom I may be able to help in the moment—while working on research projects that can have clinical impacts on a larger scale.

Why did you choose to study at McGill University? Born and raised in Montréal, McGill was a natural choice for me. Studying at McGill allows me to stay in the city I know and love. This without mentioning the strong reputation of McGill's medical school and research institutes.

What aspect of the MD-PhD program do you enjoy the most or are looking forward to? The MD-PhD community is top of the list. Students all want the best for each other and support each other well through this unique journey. I am looking forward at once to my PhD research, and clinical rotations of the medical curriculum. The PhD for dedicated time to learn deeply about my interests and clinical rotations for the clinical methods of medicine!

What advice do you have for incoming MDCM-PhD students? Keep everything in perspective. The program is demanding and, at times, overwhelming. In these moments, I have found it helpful to take a step back: remind myself why I decided to do what I am doing and consider the importance of this moment in my trajectory—it is usually less than I first think.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love cooking for friends, taking long walks and reading!
