



McGill

Laboratory Of Cellular And Molecular Neuroscience

Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Positions in Electrophysiology

Two CIHR-funded positions are available immediately for enthusiastic graduate students and/or postdoctoral fellows with a keen interest in using electrophysiology and imaging techniques to study ligand-gated ion-channels and their role in neuronal circuit behavior.

The first project will focus on an ongoing theme to understand the structure-function properties of ionotropic glutamate receptors. The successful applicant will use single-channel and macroscopic patch clamp techniques to tease apart the mechanism of channel activation in wildtype and mutant receptors. This work will be part of a multilab collaboration with researchers using computational chemistry and structural biology.

The second project will examine the signaling defects associated with Fragile X syndrome, a prominent neurodevelopmental disorder. The successful applicant will study neuronal circuit connectivity using single and multi-electrode recordings from acutely isolated brain tissue. Imaging and functional experiments will be collected simultaneously using a multiphoton microscope equipped with an electrophysiology rig.

Related Publications

Dawe et al (2013) Defining the structural relationship between kainate receptor deactivation and desensitization. *Nat Struct Mol Biol.* 20(9):1054-61

Accardi et al (2014) Mitochondrial reactive oxygen species regulate the strength of inhibitory GABA-mediated synaptic transmission. *Nat Commun.* 5:3168 doi: 10.1038/ncomms4168

Student stipends will be based on the policy recommendations of individual McGill Graduate Programs. Postdoctoral salaries will be based on CIHR recommendations and level of experience

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Applicants should send a cover letter, cv and the names of 2-3 referees to:

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