



endMS Bits and Pieces Newsletter - January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We wish you all the very best for 2021. Peace, health and happiness!

Welcome to the endMS National Training Program's monthly endMS Bits and Pieces newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to share opportunities for trainees to learn about MS research, to network and to attract and retain trainees in the field of MS related research.

If you have any announcements (presentations, career opportunities, etc.) you would like to share in the next newsletter to be distributed February 11th, please send details to anik.schoenfeldt@mail.mcgill.ca by February 5th, 2021.



2021 endMS Summer School – Competition is NOW OPEN!

Title: *Taking MS Research Off the Grid*

Save the Date! June 7-9, 2021

Where: University of Saskatchewan

Hosted by: Drs. Charity Evans, Michael Levin and Valerie Verge

Deadline for Summer School Applications is Friday, February 26, 2021 by 4:00 pm Eastern time.

Who is eligible: Graduate students and postdoctoral/clinical fellows based at Canadian institutions. Undergraduate students (e.g., medical students) who have previously completed graduate training are also eligible

The University of Saskatchewan is excited to host the 2021 virtual endMS Summer School. Through a variety of presentations and break-out sessions, participants will:

- Enhance their knowledge in novel MS research and work related to:
 - Mechanism of disease
 - Mechanism of repair
 - Mechanism of recovery
 - Mechanism of resilience
- Increase their appreciation and capacity for interdisciplinary research
- Establish/expand a peer network among MS research trainees

Researchers and trainees from the field of MS and neuroscience will showcase the unique MS research underway in Saskatchewan, and highlight the world-class infrastructure and research opportunities in the province.

For more information on the program, including application guidelines and instructions, please go to: <http://bit.ly/endMSSummerSchool>



2021-2022 endMS SPRINT Competition is NOW OPEN!

The Deadline for SPRINT Applications is Wednesday, February 24, 2021 by 4:00 pm Eastern time.

Who is eligible: Graduate students and postdoctoral/clinical fellows based at Canadian institutions.

The endMS Scholar Program for Researchers IN Training (**SPRINT**) is a unique training program that enhances knowledge and skills in MS research, establishes valuable connections among peers, offers mentored interdisciplinary learning opportunities, as well as increases opportunities to conduct MS research in Canada.

For more information about the 2021-2022 endMS SPRINT competition, including eligibility criteria, application guidelines and instructions, please go to: <http://bit.ly/endMSSPRINT>

endMS SPRINT and Summer School information Webinar

When: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 1 pm ET

The endMS National Training Program will be hosting a webinar to provide an overview of the program and the application process. Join Dr. Christina Wolfson, Director of the endMS National Training Program, Anik Schoenfeldt, endMS Program Manager, and Dr. Charity Evans, Co-Host of the endMS 2021 Summer School in this webinar. Register in advance:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?secret=9123456789&join_url=join&meeting_ref=meeting/register/tZMkdeihpjrHN20BeJkCeeOnSAozNL2VZ1D

Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Twitter – Special Guest Host in January 2021

Be sure to follow us on Twitter @endMS. Dr. Christina Wolfson will be the guest host for @endMS January 18th to 24th, 2021.

endMS Network Trainee Publications

In this section we are happy to list trainee publications that are sent to us.

Lee, J., Villarreal, O.D., Chen, X., Zandee, S., Young, Y.K., Torok, C., Lamarche-Vane, N., Prat, A., Rivest, S., Gosselin, D., et al. (2020). *QUAKING Regulates Microexon Alternative Splicing of the Rho GTPase Pathway and Controls Microglia Homeostasis*. Cell Rep 33, pp. 108560, 2020.

Career Opportunities:

Position: Part Time Research Assistant, Neuroepidemiology Research Unit

https://www.mcgill.ca/epi-biostat-occh/files/epi-biostat-occh/research_assistant_march_2021.pdf

Editions of the endMS newsletters will be archived on the endMS National Training Program webpage at <http://www.mssociety.ca/trainingprogram>

Please feel free to share this newsletter with trainees interested in MS related research! To be added to or taken off the endMS Research and Training Network email distribution list, please email

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