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Education: BEng and MEng (Chemical Engineering), McGill University

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Dpt: Experimental Surgery

Work location: Montreal General Hospital

Project: Bidirectional interactions between tissues and implanted soft biomaterials

Why did you decide to pursue both MDCM and PhD degrees? What are your career aspirations?

With a strong interest in biomedical engineering and clinical medicine cultivated by working in a lab and on an ambulance throughout the last few years, I feel I was naturally drawn to a physician-scientist career and the MD-PhD program felt like the next step for me. Although I can't fully picture what my future career will look like yet, I know for sure that I want to continue my research in biomaterials and focus my energy on translating research findings into clinical practice. I also have my eyes set on surgery, but am open to learning more about other types of specialties throughout my medical education. Thankfully, I have several years ahead of me to figure everything out!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Lift weights, drive an ambulance with lights and sirens, and drink tea!