



SARAH MARITAN, Class of 2027

Education: BSc (Life Sciences), MSc (Pathology and Molecular Medicine), Queen's University

Supervisor(s): Peter Siegel

Dpt: Experimental Medicine

Work location: Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Institute

Project: Defining molecular mediators of invasive growth in brain metastases

Selected Award(s): Hilton J. McKeown Scholarship

Research Description:

I study brain metastases, and how they grow and behave in the brain. I am specifically interested in the process of cancer invasion, and how normal, healthy brain cells interact with the cancer cells to regulate cancer growth.

Why did you choose to study at McGill University?

In choosing McGill, I particularly appreciated that there is an established MD-PhD program which is structured to provide support for a career as a physician-scientist throughout all stages of training. Additionally, as someone interested in cancer, I also appreciated that McGill has a strong emphasis on cancer research.

What advice do you have for incoming MDCM-PhD students?

Make an effort to befriend current students in the program! The current students are a wealth of knowledge and advice for everything from moving to Montreal, picking a PhD supervisor, and transitioning back to clerkship after the PhD. There is wonderful community of MD-PhD students here at McGill - don't be afraid to utilize it!