



TAREK TAIFOUR, Class of 2028

Education: HonBSc (Biology), Concordia University, MSc (Biochemistry), McGill University

Supervisor(s): William Muller

Dpt: Experimental Medicine

Work Location: Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Institute

Project: Elucidating the immunosuppressive properties of Chi3l1 during breast cancer progression

Selected Award(s): CIHR Canada Graduate scholarship – Master's (CGS-M)

Research Description:

I work in Dr. William Muller's lab at the Goodman Cancer institute. My project investigates the mechanisms through which a developing tumor suppresses the immune system. Our work may lead to the development novel immunotherapies for the treatment of breast cancers.

Why did you choose to study at McGill University?

McGill is an amazing school with a very strong medical curriculum and state of the art research facilities. In particular, the Goodman Cancer Institute where my lab is located, is a world-leading centre for cancer research with very close ties to McGill hospitals and is an ideal place for someone pursuing an MD PhD degree.

What aspect of the MD-PhD program do you enjoy the most or are looking forward to?

The program is very organized and I feel supported during each major milestone. I also love the sense of community that the program fosters between students and committee members.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy watching and playing sports especially football and tennis. I also love movies and going to the cinema.