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[Dr. Gruenheid: Honoured in Québec Science 2019](#)

Associate Chair Samantha Gruenheid's work on the microbial triggers of Parkinson's disease has been selected as a top 10 discovery for 2019 by Quebec Science. Join us in congratulating Sam!

The winner among these top 10 discoveries is chosen by public vote. We encourage you to [visit the site](#) and vote for the best discovery (which of course is Sam's!).

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Hey everyone!

Lots of exciting things coming your way this term, including a **chalet weekend** February 21-23, **Graduate Student Research Day** on May 29, and **elections** for next year's council. For more info, head to our [Facebook page](#) and keep an eye on your MIGSA emails! Any questions can always be directed to our [email](#).

Best,

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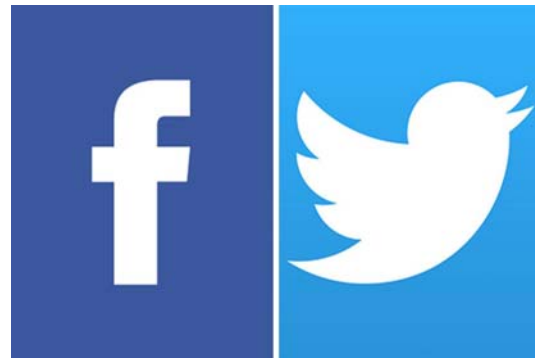
[Lab Feature - Gruenheid Lab: Brendan Cordeiro](#)

What is the main focus of Dr. Gruenheid's Lab?

Our lab studies host-pathogen interactions in the gut. We are particularly interested in enterohemorrhagic and enteropathogenic Escherichia coli, and in Citrobacter rodentium

[PhD student receives McGill MedStar Award](#)

Jasmin Chahal's publication entitled *miR-122 and Ago interactions with the HCV genome alter the structure of the viral 5' terminus*, submitted to the McGill MedStar program, has been chosen to receive a McGill MedStar Award in recognition of the excellent research she carried out in the Faculty of Medicine.



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infection in mice as a model for these infections in humans. We study both the bacterial fitness and virulence of *Citrobacter rodentium*, as well as the response of the gastrointestinal tract to bacteria. We are also interested in the role of the gut in Parkinson's disease and Cystic Fibrosis.

What is the main focus of your project?

My project uses *Citrobacter rodentium* infection as a tool to study dysregulated dendritic cell activation in the intestinal tract of Cystic Fibrosis mice.

What is your favourite hobby or pastime (outside of science)?

I love a good pub quiz – my best category is Arnold Schwarzenegger movie quotes.



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