

How to find academic research positions

Participant guide

Session description and outcomes

This workshop will introduce you to some strategies for identifying and applying for academic research opportunities. In this interactive session, the facilitators will provide you with some practical tips for locating research positions, fields, and groups within your department.

By the end of this session, you will have had a chance to:

- Understand the nature of research and your own interests
- Explore strategies to discover a research field and group
- Engage with instructors to learn about personal and academic interests

Activities

This workshop will involve individual reflection, the in-person session will involve partner and small group discussion, and the online session will have independent work time and questions in the chat.

Before coming to the workshop, consider what your research passions might be.

Your next steps

Following the session, reflect on the following questions:

- How will you identify and develop your research interests?
- What will you do to find a research group within your department?
- What strategies will you implement to find and apply for an academic research position?

Land acknowledgment

McGill is located on the unceded Indigenous lands of the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation, known as Tiohtià:ke/Montreal. The Kanien'kehá:ka, are one of the nations that make up the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on Turtle Island/North America. Our goal is to promote learning and generate allyship with local Indigenous communities, by honouring and respecting the many nations removed from, as well as those still connected to this land. Throughout the workshop we encourage you to consider how your professional, personal, and academic work impacts ethnic, marginalized, and minority community groups in Canada. If a land acknowledgment is new to you, we encourage you to learn more through resources like [Native Land](#), McGill Indigenous Initiatives' [The Land and Peoples](#), and [Indigenous Education Resources](#).

Resources

Consult the [learning resources](#) created by Teaching and Learning Services.

Visit [Resources for Learning](#) from Student Accessibility & Achievement.

Explore Career resources and workshops from McGill's [Career Planning Service](#).

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