

Research Assistant (or Associate)

Translational research on gynecological cancers

Job Description:

The Research Assistant (or Associate)* will play a key role in the implementation, analysis, and dissemination of research study results aimed at improving precision oncology in the field of gynecological cancers. They will actively contribute to projects involving *wet* lab (preclinical studies/models, cell culture, animal studies) and *dry* lab (cancer genomics and pathology) studies. Through these contributions, the Research Assistant (or Associate) will gain experience in conducting biomedical studies as well as participatory research with collaborators.

*title will depend on highest degree and years of experience

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work directly with Principal Investigator to design, develop and execute bench experiments
- Analyze and synthesize experimental results autonomously (tables, figures, etc.) to derive scientific conclusions
- Assist in submission of research grant applications
- Mentor or support junior staff and trainees in the team

Qualifications:

Experience

- A PhD degree with experience in biomedical research AND at least 2 years of postdoctoral research experience
- Essential *wet* lab skills such as cell culture, DNA/RNA/protein isolation, Western blotting, immunostaining, etc.
- Extensive experience with *in vitro* assays is required, additional familiarity with animal models is an advantage
- Familiarity with genome editing techniques
- Experience analyzing basic biostatistical data using basic software (e.g., GraphPrism, SnapGene)
- Mastery of writing scientific reports/articles/presentations
- Able to communicate scientifically in English (spoken and written)

Profile and Skills

- Autonomous with good sense of initiative
- Excellent organization and planning skills and ability to adapt quickly
- Excellent teamwork and communication skills
- Excellent knowledge dissemination skills
- Rigorous work ethic and professional

Position:

- Full-time position, 35 hours per week
- Contract: 1 year (renewable)
- In-person work (not remote)
- Competitive salary and benefits according to LDI policies (level + echelon) based on diploma and experience
- Schedule: Daytime, Monday to Friday (9:00am to 5:00pm, to be discussed and confirmed)
- Probation period: 120 working days
- Start date: Immediate

Workplace:

Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research, Cancer Axis
<https://www.ladydavis.ca/en/researcher/melica-n-brodeur/>

Principal Investigator:

Dr. Melica N. Brodeur, MD, MSc
Assistant Professor
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Department of Oncology
McGill University
Jewish General Hospital (JGH) and Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research (LDI)

To apply:

Interested candidates should send their curriculum vitae and a cover letter explaining your career goals and how you meet the requirements for this position to: melica.brodeur@mcgill.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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The LDI encourages all persons, regardless of their characteristics, to apply. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, please note that priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.