

PRESS RELEASE

Results: 2026 CRIR Graduate Scholarships

Montreal, September 21, 2026 – The scientific direction of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal (CRIR) is awarding 10 scholarships to CRIR student members for a total of \$129,000.

Each year, CRIR's Scientific Direction offers a limited number of scholarships for CRIR student members based on the level of training: **Master research (\$8,000) and Doctoral research (\$15,000).**

For the 2026 competition, more than thirty applications were carefully analyzed by the scientific evaluation committee composed of 14 CRIR members (13 regular researchers and 1 postdoctoral fellows). The quality of the applications received allowed the committee to recommend 10 scholarships.

CRIR's Scientific Direction are pleased to present the 2026 recipients:

Doctoral Scholarships (\$15,000):

- **Thiago De Aquino Costa Sousa**, under the supervision of **Anouk Lamontagne** (Axis 1), CRIR-JRH, Santé Québec Laval | McGill University;
- **Neha Gupta**, under the supervision of **Dana Anaby** (Axis 2), CRIR-LLMRC, Santé Québec West-Central Montreal Health and Social Services University Network | McGill University;
- **Jessica McLeod**, under the supervision of **Walter Wittich** (Axis 1), CRIR-LLMRC, Santé Québec West-Central Montreal Health and Social Services University Network | Université de Montréal;
- **Fotini Michalakakis**, sous la supervision de **Marc Roig** (Axis 1), CRIR-JRH, Santé Québec Laval | McGill University;
- **Maxime Landry-Lurette**, under the supervision of **Jeffrey Gerald Caron** (Axis 2), CRIR-IURDPM, Santé Québec Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal – Universitaire | Université de Montréal;

- **Tiffany Te**, under the supervision of **Matthew Hunt** (Axis 2), CRIR-JRH, Santé Québec Laval | McGill University;
- **Nicolas Vaillancourt**, under the supervision of **Maryse Fortin** (Axis 1), CRIR-LLMRC, Santé Québec West-Central Montreal Health and Social Services University Network | Concordia University.

Master of Research Scholarships (\$8,000):

- **Matty Beaudry**, under the supervision of **Evelina Pituch** (Axis 2), CRIR-IURDPM, Santé Québec Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal – Universitaire | Université de Montréal;
- **Chloe Oleksiuk**, under the supervision of **Jeffrey Gerald Caron** (Axis 2), CRIR-IURDPM, Santé Québec Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal – Universitaire | Université de Montréal;
- **Dolev Yissar**, under the supervision of **Mindy Levin** (Axis 1), CRIR-JRH), Santé Québec Laval | McGill University.

References | Acronyms for CRIR Sites :

Institut universitaire sur la réadaptation en déficience physique de Montréal (IURDPM) | Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital (JRH) | Lethbridge-Layton-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre (LLMRC)

Also, our **sincere thanks** to the **members of the scientific evaluation committee** who shared their expertise, invested their time evaluating the submissions, and demonstrated their professionalism when making decisions!

Congratulations to all recipients and their research directions!



About CRIR

The **Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal (CRIR)** is a unique research centre. It is distinguished by the excellence, breadth and diversity of its research in rehabilitation, as well as through its interdisciplinary, intersectoral and knowledge mobilization initiatives. These initiatives have an important a powerful impact in the clinical, scientific, public and community sectors. CRIR provides an extraordinary environment for the training of new researchers, and is also a model of partnership and administrative synergy.

The CRIR has **124 regular and associate researchers** in two research axes, **more than 193 clinician/health** who collaborate on various research projects, and **more than 400 students**. The research teams are grouped into more than **60 laboratories and research groups** located in the four CRIR sites:

- Institut Nazareth et Louis-Braille (INLB);
- Institut universitaire sur la réadaptation en déficience physique de Montréal (IURDPM);
- Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital (JRH);
- Lethbridge-Layton-Mackay Rehabilitation Center (LLMRC).

It is thanks to all these partners that CRIR has been one of Canada's leading rehabilitation research centers for 25 years!

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