

## Perinatal Brain Imaging – PhD

### CHU Sainte-Justine Research Center

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Project duration 3 years

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Starting date Fall 2016 or Winter 2017

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#### Research project description

A Two (2) Ph.D. positions are open at the Institute of Biomedical Engineering at Université de Montréal and the Research Center of the Sainte-Justine Hospital University Center in Montréal, QC, Canada. The laboratory of Dr. Dehaes is seeking two (2) Ph.D. students to contribute in cutting edge research in the field of perinatal brain imaging, in particular in congenital heart disease (CHD) populations. Topics of study specifically focus on characterizing cerebral metabolism in prenatal, preoperative and postoperative periods in severe CHD, and determining its relationship with brain injury and neurodevelopment. Candidates with expertise in biomedical engineering, informatics, mathematics, photonics, and physics are preferred. Experience with magnetic resonance imaging and optical imaging of the brain is encouraged.

These projects provide an excellent opportunity for the Ph.D. students to work within a multidisciplinary research team including scientists and clinicians from radiology, cardiology, neurology, neonatology and neurodevelopment. The Ph.D. students will be encouraged to prepare and submit Ph.D. scholarship proposals to funding organizations and to lead publications. The Ph.D. students will participate in designing innovative methods related to the processing of brain imaging signals and images. The diversity of subject matter will require a creative mind.

Ph.D. students will be registered through the Ph.D. Program in Biomedical Engineering at University de Montréal and will have a student appointment at Sainte-Justine HUC and access to laboratories and technological platforms.

#### Candidates must have:

- Have a Bachelor and/or Master degree in biomedical or electrical engineering, physics or informatics engineering, mathematics, physics or a closely related field
- Experience in research; ability to carry out research experiments and projects
- Candidates with experience in the areas of medical brain imaging such as magnetic resonance imaging and optical imaging are strongly encouraged to apply
- Programming experience in computer programming languages (e.g. Python, Matlab, etc.)
- Strong written and oral communication skills in French and English required
- Works independently and participates productively as a team player
- Highly motivated, ability to identify potential problems and develop solutions



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## Conditions

The candidate will be invited to submit in early autumn 2016 an application for scholarship in various competitions of research granting agencies including those of the CHU Sainte-Justine Foundation

## Submit your application

Interested candidates are invited to submit their application by email to Mrs. Geneviève Blain, M.Sc., Study Coordinator , Canadian Neonatal Brain Platform at Sainte-Justine Hospital University Center

at: [genevieve.blain@recherche-ste-justine.qc.ca](mailto:genevieve.blain@recherche-ste-justine.qc.ca) , including:

- ✓ CV showing scientific activity, academic background and research experience
- ✓ Cover letter
- ✓ Transcripts



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