

# New Faces

## Graduate Student

Naomi Vriesde

Hello! My name is Naomi. I am an international graduate student in pharmacy at the University of Groningen in Holland. I've been born and raised in a multicultural country called Suriname in South America. I will work at Dr Hackett's lab for 5 months doing my master project. I am sure that this project will be of added value for my further development as a pharmacist or maybe even as a scientist. After my first cup of coffee I am usually a cheerful person with a positive outlook on life, so don't hesitate to approach me if you have any questions at all (with some coffee would be great too). I look forward to meeting all of you!



## Co-op Students

Sunny Chen



Hi everyone! I'm Sunny (yes, like the weather...), a 4<sup>th</sup> year standing undergrad co-op student from UBC who's currently working at Dr. Decheng Yang's lab (i.e. this is my academic gap year). I am pursuing an Honours BSc degree in Microbiology and Immunology with a specific interest in immunology and virology. With the honours thesis ahead of me, I really wish to learn as much as I can during my co-op terms about scientific research. My previous co-op experience involved studying fungal pathogenesis taking genetic approach, which was a very memorable experience. Thus, I'm looking forward to another great co-op experience here at St. Paul's Hospital (And it is virology related!). Besides Science, I have a strong passion for humanity subjects such as history and literature. I enjoy reading a lot, love to read both fictions and non-fictions depends on my mood-and, guess what, history of literature is something I really love to explore :D

Antyrah De Guzman

Hello everyone! My name is Antyrah but most people call me Tyrah, like Tyra Banks (yes, I was named after her). I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate student at UBC, majoring in Microbiology and Immunology. In particular, I am interested in the immune system and its role in infections and diseases and how it can be regulated. This year, I will be working at Dr. Walley's Lab for my first Co-op work term. In my free time, I enjoy cooking and baking, and exploring Vancouver with my friends. I also like to listen to various genres of music and attend concerts when I can. In the summertime, I soak in the nice weather by going camping and visiting the beach. I look forward to meeting everyone here at HLI!

