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Staff

Arianne Brown

"Hi everyone! My name is Arianne, and I am Dr. Don Sin's administrative assistant as well as the Grant Coordinator. I have been with St. Paul's for just over a year and started out in the Department of Medicine. I am looking forward to working with everyone at HLI!



Vivienne Chan



Hi everyone! My name is Vivienne Chan and I am a new member of the Grants Team. I was born in Hong Kong but moved to Vancouver at a young age, and I've stayed in the city ever since. I just finished my PhD at UBC in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, where I worked on modifying platelet function for localized drug delivery and treating bleeding disorders. During grad school, I realized that I enjoyed writing and scientific communication more than actually doing the experiments, so this position is a great fit! Since joining the HLI in August, I have already learned so much about all of the exciting and groundbreaking research going on in the Centre, and am really looking forward to working with all of you. Please feel free to email me or stop by the Grants Team office to say hi!

Karen Jung

I'm Karen Jung, and I recently started with the HLI Grants Team. I wanted to say hello, and briefly introduce myself. I did my PhD in Oncology (molecular biology) at the University of Alberta, and a Postdoc Fellowship, also in the same field, at the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute. I look forward to meeting and working with you all soon!



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Research Associate

Chung Cheung



Hello! My name is Chung. I previously worked at the University of Hong Kong, where I attempted to unravel the mechanisms regulating the host cellular response to coronaviruses and influenza viruses. Then I relocated to the United Kingdom and worked in NIBSC, a division of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, where my primary role was to develop an alternative potency assay for influenza vaccines towards the goal of reducing the influenza vaccine manufacturing process. I am joining HLI as a Research Associate and very enthusiastic to contribute to the research work performed in Dr. Don Sin's lab and Providence Airway Centre (PAC). My responsibilities include managing the biology labs, biobanking of patient samples, and validating new gene targets that may be involved in COPD, which hopefully may lead to the development of novel biomarker and therapeutic targets. Looking forward to meeting and interacting with you all.

Postdoctoral Fellow

Alyson Wong

I completed my medical training at UBC (Internal Medicine) and Dalhousie University (Respirology). I was a summer student at the HLI many years ago, so it is exciting to be back in both Vancouver and at the HLI. I will be working with Dr. Chris Ryerson for the next two years completing my Interstitial Lung Disease fellowship and Master of Health Science.



Scientist

Ashwini Rajasekaran



Hello all, I am Ashwini, working as a Scientist with Dr. Scott Tebbutt. I was born in the Silicon Valley of India, Bangalore- a vibrant and diverse city. During my high school, the human genome project was completed, the news of which excited me to choose biomedical sciences as my career. I went on to pursue Master's in Biochemistry and doctorate in psychiatric genetics, where I looked into the immunogenetic pathways of Schizophrenia. To expand my horizon and gain international experience, I moved to the ever-welcoming multi-cultural

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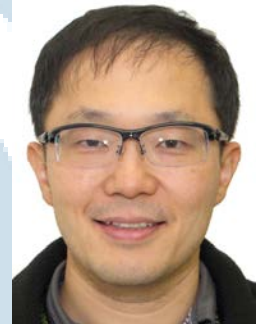
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land of Vancouver. At PROOF, I will be working at Dr. Tebbutt's lab on biomarker discovery in Occupational Asthma. I am a friendly & positive person, who loves to explore the different facets of life. Apart from science, I love nature, animals, and feel a purpose to work towards sustainability on our ever-changing landscape. I enjoy solving puzzles and watching movies.

Visiting Professors/Scientists

Yun-Sung Lim

Hello everyone! My name is Yun-Sung Lim, a visiting scientist currently working at Dr. Sin and Dr. Thamboo's lab. My major is Head and Neck Surgery and Laryngology. I am working in the Department of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Dongguk University Ilsan Hospital. I am very pleased to work as a team in HLI. In research, I would like to elucidate the changes in the respiratory mucosa of patients that underwent neck surgery, e.g. thyroidectomy. Also, I'd like to share a good memory of life in Vancouver with all of you. Thank you.



Hui Tang



Hello! My name is Hui, but you can call me Tanya (Actually Tanya is a famous singer who I like in China). I am a visiting scholar from China and will work in Dr. Honglin Luo's lab for one year. I love science, experiments and everything related to science. I wish I can do my best to finish and enjoy everything during this time in St. Paul Hospital. Besides this, I also like sports, such as badminton and swimming. I always believe sports can keep us in a better mood. I look forward to meeting everyone here at HLI!

Young-Soon Yoon

Hello everyone, my name is Young-Soon Yoon and I am a visiting scientist from South Korea. I am a pulmonologist working at Dongguk University Hospital in Korea. Here, I work with Dr. Sin's team especially bronch-team. I am very glad to join and work here at HLI! In my free time (Actually my kids don't leave me alone), I love to travel and hike in nature. I also like to try new foods. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and saying hello.



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Graduate Students

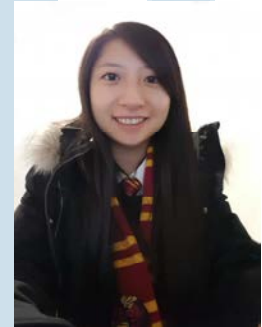
Joel Chen



Hi I'm Joel. After finishing my training as a respiratory medicine physician, I have come from Manitoba to British Columbia to pursue graduate studies in Rehabilitation Sciences with the intention of becoming a clinician-scientist. I am working with Dr. Pat Camp to study the development of pulmonary rehabilitation programs in remote Indigenous communities. Find me jogging around parks in the summertime and skiing down slopes in the wintertime.

Kate Huang

Hello! My name is Kate, and I am a new MSc student in the Experimental Medicine Program! I grew up in Metro Vancouver and recently graduated from the UBC-BCIT Honours in Biotechnology Program. Under the co-supervision of Dr. Liam Brunham and Dr. Zachary Laksman, I will be using hPSC-derived cardiomyocytes to investigate arrhythmias like atrial fibrillation. I am an avid coffee drinker, and I spend my free time eating, reading, or watching shows on Netflix. I am very excited to be a part of the HLI, and I look



forward to meeting all of you!

Carleena Ortega



Hello everyone! My name is Carleena. I did my undergrad in Ontario and now I'm a master's student at Dr. Francis' lab. This is my first time in Vancouver and I'm stoked to be here. If you see me around, feel free to say hi or recommend food, sites, or activities in Vancouver. ☺

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Students

Faize Faroon

"Hi my name is Faize. I'm currently in my 3rd year at SFU completing a Major in Biological Sciences with a Concentration in Cells, Molecules, and Physiology. In addition I have also pursued a Minor in Psychology. This is my first co-op term, and I am currently working in Dr. Tan's Lab. In my personal time I enjoy traveling. So far my favourite place to visit is Hawaii."



Al Hossain



Hi everyone! I am Al Rohet, an undergraduate student studying Microbiology and Immunology and am currently enjoying a term off school for a co-op position at HLI. In 2015, I moved to Vancouver, half way across the world from Bangladesh and have been living and exploring life in the West Coast. So far along this journey, as much as I have fallen in love with the natural aesthetics of British Columbia, I also discovered my passion to understand the nooks and crannies of our immune system. My project here with Dr. Paul Hanson has given me a great opportunity to learn about the Coxsackievirus and its manipulation of cellular functions. And apart from my fascination with diseases, I like long hikes, playing the guitar and roaming around the city in pursuit of the perfect cup of coffee.

Zaynah Khan



"Hey there! My name is Zaynah, and I am currently with the Camp Lab as part of UBC's Work Learn program. I am finishing up my sixth and final year at UBC after completing the Science Co-op program and my minor in Creative Writing. I love my Biology major because it's given me the chance to explore all my passions: neuroscience, zoology, ecology, and the life sciences. I've carried out research at a local neurogenetics lab where I helped elucidate the mechanism by which a key transcription factor acts in the BMP pathway. I also did some research at Toronto's SickKids Hospital where I worked on identifying microglial marker genes to study neurodegenerative diseases in 3D stem cell cultures. I am loving the focus of Dr. Camp's research and look forward to learning as much as I can! In my spare time, I like to make embroidery projects, read historical fiction and fantasy novels, and write poetry. In warmer times, I like to tend my little garden of fruits, vegetables, and herbs for the birds and bees! 🐝"

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