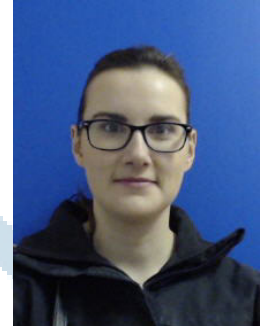


New Faces

Technician

Stacey LeDoux

"Hello, my name is Stacey LeDoux and I am the new Research Technician in Dr. Hogg's lab. I grew up in Victoria, BC, where I earned my BSc. in Biochemistry at UVic. I enjoy traveling (recently went on a 7-month backpacking trip), photography, hiking and dragon-boating. I am new to Vancouver and am looking forward to exploring and meeting everyone!"



Postdoctoral Fellows

Ana Hernandez



Hello! My name is Ana, I am a new post-doctoral fellow under Dr. Ma'en Obeidat. I am a biotechnologist, who enjoys travelling and doing research. I have an MSc in animal breeding and genetics and recently completed my PhD on the genetics of muscle mass in humans and mouse. I am originally from Panama, but I have followed science thru different places. The last 7 years I have lived in Argentina, the US and UK, hence, I love meeting new places and people! On my spare time, I enjoy exercising, cooking, hiking and planning trips. I am looking forward to getting to know Vancouver!!!

Mai Tsutsui

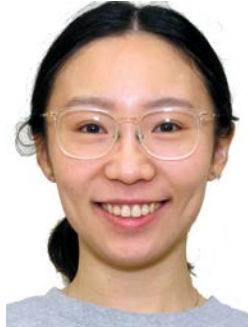
Hello, I am Mai Tsutsui, a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Sin's lab. I am a digestive surgeon at Keio Univ. in Japan, and I have come to HLI to learn and enrich my experience in the research field. I will be here for 2 years, and I hope that I can improve myself not only by devoting myself to research but also by being involved with many people. My hobbies are traveling, watching sports, horse-back riding and so on. I am an active person, so please feel free to be in contact!



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New Faces

Meng Wang



Hi everyone! My name is Meng and I am a new postdoc in Dr Mari DeMarco lab doing clinical chemistry research. We are developing diagnostic assays using mass spectrometry. I finished my PhD in the Department of Chemistry at UBC, then I worked at a pharma company IntelliSyn in Montreal for about 2 years. I am very excited to be back in Vancouver (a lot warmer than Montreal)! I look forward to meeting all of you.

Graduate Students

Elodie Sauge



Hi everyone! My name is Elodie and I am a new PhD student in Dr. Bernatchez' lab. I am coming from Switzerland where I obtained a Master of Science in Medical Biology. I moved to Vancouver to discover new horizons and gain international experience. Undertaking my Ph.D. in Canada allows for a unique opportunity to improve my cultural and intellectual background alongside meeting new people! I am really glad to be here for a few years, so I'm looking forward to meeting you all!

Denitsa Vasileva

Hi, all! I am Denitsa and I am a new grad student in Dr. Daley's lab. I just completed my Bachelor's degree in Bioinformatics and Molecular Genetics at the University of Toronto. I am interested in the developing and implementation of computational tools for the study and analysis of the protein-protein interactions and genetics pathways involved in complex diseases. In my spare time, I enjoy running and reading and I very much look forward to finding some great running trails in Vancouver.



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New Faces

Students

Terry Chen



"Hello! My name is Terry and I am a second-year Pharmacology major at UBC. I am a summer student at HLI and will be working in Dr. Yang's lab. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking on various trails in BC. I look forward to meeting everyone!"

Victoria Chen

Victoria Chen is a student working in the Registry.



Gurpreet Chopra



Hi everyone! My name is Gurpreet Chopra and I am a co-op student currently working in Dr. Francis' lab doing research related to the metabolism of amyloid-beta by brain vascular smooth muscle cells. I am currently a fourth-year undergraduate student at UBC, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry. I am excited about gaining research experience, developing my technical and soft skills, meeting people in the field, and learning more about the research I am currently working on. In my spare time I like to work on cars and computers, attempt to learn/play the guitar, and volunteer in the surrounding Downtown Vancouver community. I hope to continue research in the field of neurodegenerative diseases in the future and I look forward to meeting all of you!

New Faces

Megan Cooper

Megan Cooper is a student working in the Laksman Lab.



James Huh



Hello! My name is James and I am a Biochemistry Undergraduate Student from University of Victoria. I will be working for Dr. Quon this summer as a Co-op student and will look in to biomarkers for Cystic Fibrosis. I'm really looking forward to learn more about Cystic Fibrosis and meeting new people at HLI. Outside my work, I enjoy swimming, practicing Judo and taking care of my pet shrimps. Feel free to say hi whenever you see me as I would love to get to know you all!

Olivia Hutchinson

Hi everyone, my name is Olivia. I am currently in my fourth year at SFU completing a major in Biomedical Physiology. I've worked in various biology and physiology labs throughout my time at SFU, but I thought it would be a good experience to work in a more clinical setting here in CPEP lab under the supervision of Dr. Guenette. In my spare time I like to ski and play hockey but throughout the summer I'll probably spend most of my time hiking!



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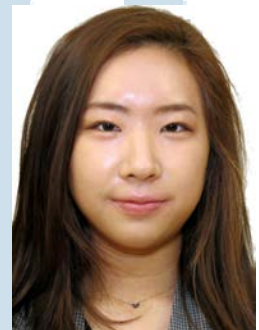
Sana Keshmiri



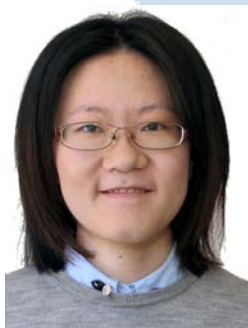
My name is Sana and I am a 4th Biology student at UBC. My biggest passion is using Science to make a meaningful difference in the world. I have received a Faculty of Medicine Summer Student Research award and am beyond excited to be working at HLI. Looking forward to meeting you all.

Eunice Kim

Hello, my name is Eunice Kim and I am a co-op student working with the IT team at HLI. I am currently a third year electrical engineering student with the biomedical option at UBC. I am looking forward to being able to advance my knowledge in computer systems! In my free time, I enjoy going on hikes and runs. I look forward to hopefully meeting everyone in my time here!



Liming Liu



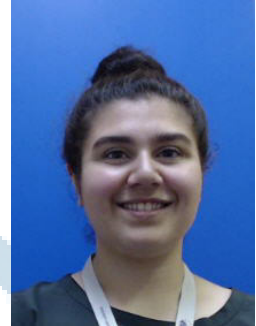
Hi, my name is Liming. I am a Co-op student and will be working here for 8 months under Dr. Daley's lab. I am currently studying Electrical and Computer Engineering at UBC and this is my second Co-op work term. On weekends, I often go hiking, watch movies, enjoy delicious food, play switch or PS4 with my friends. I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

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New Faces

Ashleigh Nazareth

Hi everyone! My name is Ashleigh, I am a summer student working under Dr. van Eeden looking at the use of wearable devices in COPD. I have been lucky to have met and worked with quite a few members of the HLI already, as I was a co-op student for the last year at the Pacific Lung Research Centre. In the fall, I will be returning to UBC to complete the final year of my Bsc.(H) in Cellular and Physiological Sciences. In my spare time, I love to dance (I am a professionally-trained Indian classical dancer and had a lot of fun performing at HLI's Vaisakhi celebration!), play "wallyball" and watch Netflix. :)



Jordan Penner



My name is Jordan Penner, I am a summer student researcher working in Dr. Francis' lab this summer. I am a third-year biology and chemistry student at the University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford. As a student who is hoping to make a career out of medical research, I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to work at such a fantastic lab as HLI. When I am not working I like to hike, rock-climb, camp and play the occasional saxophone lick. I look forward to meeting you all!

Olga Radivojevic

Hi everyone! My name is Olga and in case you were wondering, my last name is pronounced Rah-dee-voy-eh-veech. I am in my second year in the SFU Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology program, and I am very excited to be doing my first Co-op term working on the CanCOLD Study with the Tan Lab. In my free time, I like to run, do hot yoga, play tennis, and be anywhere where there is an ocean! If you're ever passing by my office (room 241 in Burrard), feel free to stop by and say hello!



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New Faces

Roopal Rai



Roopal Rai is a student working in the Brunham Lab.

Hannah Salcudean

Hello! My name is Hannah and I'm a summer student working with Dr. Sellers and Dr. Leipsic on heart valve research. I'm going into my third year at Western University, completing my undergraduate degree in Medical Science. In my free time, I enjoy going on hikes, bike rides on the beach, and bingeing the newest Netflix shows (please send any recommendations). I'm very excited to be working at HLI this summer, and look forward to meeting you all!



Denise Wooding



Hello HLI! I am a UBC medical student doing a summer project in Dr. Don Sin's lab. I previously completed my MSc. under the supervision of Dr. Chris Carlsten at VGH studying mechanisms relating air pollution exposure to lung disease. I am excited to be part of HLI and to continue learning from this amazing team. When I am not sciencing you can reliably find me at kits playing beach volleyball. Looking forward to meeting you all!

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New Faces

Eric Xiang

Hi, I am Eric. I am a fourth year biochemistry student from UBC, currently working as a Coop in Dr. Luo's lab. In my spare time, I like reading and jogging. Nice to meet you all!



Ben Zhang



Hi, my name is Ben, I am currently a fourth year student at Simon Fraser University concentrating in both Finance and Accounting. I am a new member of PHC research institute. This is my first co-op term and I will be here for the next 8 months. It is a good opportunity for me to learn new skills at HLI. And I am a big fan of curling. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Julia Zhang

Julia is an undergraduate student in Kinesiology at the University of British Columbia. Previously, she worked as a research assistant in the Molecular Biology lab of Dr. Franck Duong, optimizing a novel technique for the purification of membrane proteins. Currently, Julia is working to assess the current methods of dyspnea testing during cardiopulmonary exercise. On the weekends you can find her playing Ultimate Frisbee or running the library cart at Banfield Pavilion.



Kevin Zhang



Hello everyone! My name is Kevin and I am an undergraduate student working in Dr. Luo's lab for a 2-month SSRP. My project investigates genetic factors that may affect the development of ALS. Outside the lab I also work as a lifeguard. In my free time, I enjoy playing badminton, swimming, ballroom dancing, and playing piano. While I won't be around for too long, I still hope to return in the coming months or next summer to continue working with all of you!

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