

# New Faces

## Postdoctoral Fellow

**Parastoo Dehghan**



Hello! My name is Parastoo, I am a postdoc research fellowship from Iran. I work in St Paul's Hospital (ENT department) supervised by Dr Thamboo. I graduated from medical school in 2017. This is my first time to live in Canada and I find Vancouver, so beautiful. I am very excited to be here, to gain new experiences, and make new connections especially with the wonderful people I work with.

## Visiting Professor

**Fengping Wang**

Hello, friends. My name is Fengping Wang, you can also call me Lucy. I'm a physician from department of emergency, the Second Affiliated Hospital of Harbin Medical University, China. I am joining Dr. Decheng Yang's laboratory as a visiting scholar. My research will focus on studies of the mechanism of heart disease causing by coxsackievirus infection. In my spare time, I love cooking, traveling, shopping, watching movies and making friends. I am very excited to be working here. Looking forward to meeting you all.



## Visiting Student

**Tao Chen**



Hello, my name is Tao Chen. I'm a joint-training student from China. This program is held by UBC and the university I am attending in China (Tongji University). I will study and work in HLI for 1 year. In the next year, I will do some clinical research in the field of interstitial lung diseases supervised by Dr Ryerson. This will be part of my research work for MD degree. This is my first time to live in another country outside China. I hope to make progress both in my research work and language skills. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you!

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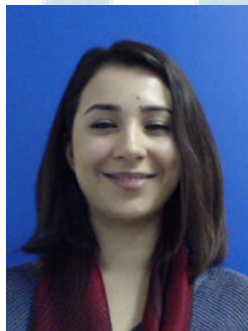
## Research Assistants

**Mirha Girt**

Hello! My name is Mirha Girt, and I am a new Research Assistant under Dr. Pat Camp. I am almost finished with my MSc in Global Epidemiology and Control. I have lived in a lot of cities including Montreal, Berkeley, Vancouver, Madison, and Baltimore. I just came back from Durban, South Africa, where I was completing my practicum for over 5 months working on a study focused on providing HIV treatment to specific communities in Durban. On top of my love for traveling, I also love to play sports. I am looking forward to meeting everyone! Please feel free to contact me!



**Firoozeh Gerayeli**



Hello! My name is Firoozeh Gerayeli. I am a new research assistant in Dr. Sin's lab. I graduated from SFU majoring in health sciences. During my undergrad I worked as a research assistant at the Maternal and Child Health laboratory, which led to my interest in the field of clinical research. In my spare time I enjoy reading and cooking. I am very excited to be here and looking forward to meeting you all!

## Graduate Students

**Abhinav Checkervarty**

"Hi, I am Abhinav. I am a Ph.D. student in Dr. Scott J Tebbutt's lab. This degree is going to be my first endeavour at UBC and in Canada. My home country is India, where I acquired my bachelor's and master's degree before coming here. I am excited to learn new things and meet fellow students and faculty of the HLI center. I look forward to making friends with as many people as I can and familiarize myself with the culture of this beautiful country. I hope we will get a chance to interact after you read this text on the notice board."



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**Song Juon**



Hello! I'm Song. I am 2nd year master's student studying Statistics from university of Victoria. I came here this January as an internship student in Dr. Sin's lab. My major interest is to develop statistical methods that can be applied to biological data. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, and spending time with my two little nephew. I'm looking forward to meeting you all!

**Mishal Ashraf**

Hello! My name is Mishal and I am a new graduate student supervised by Dr. Zach Laksman. I first became interested in high-throughput drug screening when completing my bachelor's degree at McGill University. I look forward to continuing to work on this problem in years to come, and to meet many of you along the way!



## Co-op Students

**Sally Chung**



Hi everyone! My name is Sally and I am a third year Co-op student majoring in Health Sciences at SFU, with a focus on Life Sciences. This is my first Co-op term and I will be working as the CanCOLD Study Coordinator under the supervision of Dr. Tan. I hope to gain valuable experiences and make new connections through this position. In my spare time, I enjoy watching movies, baking desserts, playing the piano, and shopping with friends. I look forward to meeting all of you!

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**Julia Hwangbo**

Hi everyone! My name is Julia and I am a UBC co-op student in my fourth year of integrated sciences focusing on genetics and neuroscience. I am currently working for Dr. Nancy Ford (UBC) in collaboration with Dr. Don Sin here at HLI to study COPD in mice. I am very excited to be here and to meet everyone so please say 'hi' if you see me around :) In my spare time I enjoy drawing, painting, and going for walks!



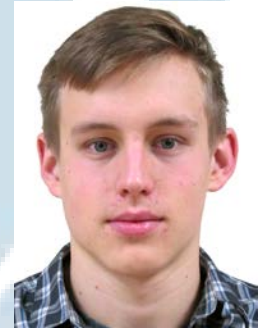
**Andre Maralli**



"Hi! My name is Andre Maralli and I am a Co-Op student working in the MPCL with Beth Whalen for 4 months. I hope to meet a lot of people here that will become great friends and informative mentors in the little time that I'm here. In my spare time, I'll usually be exercising or playing video games. I'm a curious nerd that is really open to learn just about anything and I hope to learn a lot from my experience here."

**Dante Prins**

My name is Dante Prins and I will be working to improve some of the research software in Dr. Hogg's lab over my CO-OP term this Spring. In school I am a second year undergrad in the Engineering Physics program and in my free time I enjoy hiking and mountain biking along with Water Polo. I look forward to meeting everyone and learning more about the research done here.



**Andy Wang**



"Andy Wang is a senior at Simon Fraser University where he majors in Data Science with an honours concentration in mathematics. His interest in data science started from late 2018 when he had a chance to participate in a business hackathon. Inspired by a lift chart model and a bronze he won, he decided to apply statistical models in data analysis and use his knowledge to solve real-world problems. Andy treasures his 8-month Co-op opportunity in Dr. Daley's lab at HLI starting from Jan 2020. In the future, he hopes to continue the journey in genetics analysis. Andy loves to meet new people and spends his spare time traveling around the world, leaving his footprints in 18 countries and over 100 cities."

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