

CSI New Investigator Award

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Dr. Martin J. Richer, *Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, Associate Member Rosalind & Morris Goodman Cancer Research Centre, McGill University*

Martin is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at McGill University. His research program focuses on understanding the regulation of CD8 T cell responses and how pathogens can counteract host defenses to establish infection. Martin obtained his BSc in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at McGill University and his MSc in the Département de Microbiologie, Infectiologie et Immunologie at Université de Montréal under the supervision of Drs. Dominique Bergeron and Eric Cohen. He went on to complete his PhD in the laboratory of Dr. Marc Horwitz in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of British Columbia where he studied viral induced autoimmunity. For his postdoctoral training Martin joined the laboratory of Dr. John Harty in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Iowa. Martin studied host-pathogen interactions focusing his research on understanding how optimal CD8 T cell responses are established and the role cytokines play in these processes. Since starting his independent research career in 2014, Martin has been awarded FRQS Chercheurs-Boursier Junior 1 and CIHR New Investigator Salary Awards and has been able to secure funding by local, provincial and national granting agencies including FRQS, CFI, NSERC and CIHR. Martin's students have also been recognized for their work with travel and poster awards from the CSI as well as securing fellowships from provincial and national agencies.