

Undergraduate Supervision Information Sheet

Applications ARE being considered for supervision in the 2016-2017 academic year for Honour's theses and Specialization projects.

In general, Dr. McGrath gives preference to students who have contributed at least two semesters of active experience in the PPHP Lab as a research volunteer.

If you are interested in supervision for your undergrad thesis project, follow these steps:

Year ahead: Apply to as a research volunteer in the PPHP Lab. You will find further information on the PPHP Lab website (www.pphplab.org).

February: Read the PPHP Lab website and learn about current projects in the lab (Healthy Heart, AdoQuest, EPOCH). Email Dr. McGrath and explain your research interests to determine whether there is a good “fit” with the current research in the PPHP Lab. Include your CV and transcript. (If there is not a good fit, you may wish to consider applying to work with one of the other excellent faculty members at Concordia who conduct health psychology research).

If Dr. McGrath believes there may be a good fit with your research interests, she will invite you for an interview in February/March. You will discuss your previous work and research experience, your ideas for an undergraduate thesis project, and your future plans and career aspirations.

March/April: Dr. McGrath will notify you of your acceptance for undergraduate supervision. She will work with you to develop and refine your thesis project. Dr. McGrath will encourage and support your application for a student summer research award.

Summer: It is likely that you will have the opportunity to collect your data in the summer before you start your thesis project to get a head start. Dr. McGrath strongly encourages and supports undergraduate students' presentation of their projects at competitive research conferences; these conference deadlines are in September and October, so it is advantageous to have significant progress made on your project.

What you can expect:

Former undergraduate thesis students have a history of research excellence including top awards at the Concordia Research Day, presentations at national conferences, publications in peer-review journals, acceptance to prestigious graduate schools, and recipients of coveted fellowship funding. Our PPHP alumni continue to make impressive academic accomplishments.

Read the PPHP Lab website to learn more about the impressive work conducted by recent undergraduate students who conducted their theses in the PPHP lab.