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## **SAVE THE DATE(S):**

# **43rd Annual RSA Scientific Meeting and ISBRA Congress**

**June 20-24, 2020 ~~~~~ New Orleans, Louisiana, USA**

The primary goal of this meeting is to provide a forum for alcohol researchers – from all disciplines – to present their latest findings and to learn about new research developments in an environment that will provide interaction at both the professional and personal level.

The Program Committee is made up of RSA/ISBRA members who represent a wide range of scientific specialties. Their goal is to develop a well-balanced program that adequately reflects the broad range of interests of the RSA membership and non-member alcohol researchers. It is important to note that topics covered and the balance achieved in the **overall meeting program primarily rests upon proposals and posters submitted.**

## **GENERAL TIMELINE**

**Mid October** – Call for Abstracts and initial Meeting materials opens.

**Early December** – submission deadline for Program Proposals AND Speaker abstracts and Satellite/Ancillary meeting proposals.

**Mid January** – submission deadline for Poster Abstracts.

**Mid January** – submission deadline for Student Merit/Junior Investigator Funding application, Enoch Gordis Research Recognition Award applications and Undergraduate Diversity Travel Award application. ***Submission deadline now coincides with the submission deadline for Poster Abstracts each year.***

**Late January** – submission deadline for RSA Awards Nominations.

**Mid March** – Meeting Registration and Lodging opens.

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**RSA COMMITTEES - VOLUNTEER - <http://www.rsoa.org/committeevolunteer>**

Get involved - join an RSA committee! Open to RSA members in good standing only. If you are interested in volunteering to be on a committee, please submit your volunteer application; which includes a biosketch (pdf and pdfx only).

If you have emailed info in the past – please complete the online form. RSA will note date of original request.

Due to varying member rotation plans and selection timing within each of our committees; contact by committee chair may take several months.

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**FROM AN RSA MEMBER:**

**Short Course on the Genetics of Addiction**

September 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine  
Standard Registration Fee \$1500 | Trainee Registration Fee \$1300  
*\*Scholarships are available, apply to attend*

Apply Online at: <https://www.jax.org/education-and-learning/education-calendar/2019/september/short-course-on-the-genetics-of-addiction>

The Jackson Laboratory, with support of the National Institute of Drug Abuse, would like to inform you of our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Short Course on the Genetics of Addiction. This course is organized by Elissa Chesler, PhD of the Jackson Laboratory and Wade Berrettini, MD, PhD from the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and takes place at the Highseas Conference Center, a Georgian style mansion which sits only a few minutes from Bar Harbor with the Atlantic Ocean at its front and Acadia National Park at its back. This, week-long, residential course brings together world-renowned experts in addiction, human genetics, and mouse genetics. Through a combination of lectures and hands-on computational modules, the course will feature:

- New methods and applications of mouse genetics to addiction,
- Genetic and bioinformatics approaches to augment behavioral studies, and
- Techniques for analyzing human genetic studies of addiction.

The course also provides key opportunities to network with students, researchers, and other professionals; and explore potential scientific collaborations.

Genetics of Addiction is geared toward students of all experience levels, from undergraduate and graduate students who seek an introduction to the field, to experienced addiction researchers who wish to hone their genetic skills and knowledge. Course attendees are invited to bring their own data for analysis during the hands-on laboratory sessions.

Thank you for taking the time to read about this opportunity. Learn more about educational opportunities at The Jackson Laboratory by visiting <https://www.jax.org/education-and-learning/course-and-conferences>

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**3 POSITION / TRAINING FELLOWSHIP  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(posted in order received)**

**To view all postings:**

<https://www.xcdsystem.com/rsoa/jobsearch/>

**Instructions for postings – members only:**

<http://www.rsoa.org/jobs-and-training>

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**TENURE TRACK FACULTY POSITION IN BEHAVIOURAL NEUROSCIENCE**

**Description:** The Department of Psychology at Concordia University in Montréal, Canada invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in behavioural neuroscience. The ideal candidate will have a record of innovative research on fundamental neurobiological mechanisms of behaviour using rodents as a model species. Research approaches including but not limited to

molecular, cellular, systems, and computational neuroscience will be considered. This position will build on existing strengths in research on addiction, motivation, cognition, learning and memory, biological rhythms and neurophysiology at Concordia. The successful applicant will become a full member of The Center for Studies in Behavioral Neurobiology, and will have access to state-of-the-art facilities at Concordia, including the PERFORM center, the Center for Microscopy and Cell Imaging and the Center for Biological Applications of Mass Spectrometry. We anticipate filling this position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor.

**Qualifications:** Eligible applicants require a PhD in Psychology, Neuroscience or related field, and a strong record of publication in peer-reviewed, scientific journals. We are looking for a self-driven, emerging or established researcher with exceptional potential to become a leader in their field. Applicants should be able to demonstrate a strong interest in and commitment to graduate and undergraduate teaching and training.

**Application:** Complete applications should include: (i) cover letter, (ii) curriculum vitae, (iii) a research statement and 3 representative publications, (iv) statement of teaching philosophy and experience (including supporting materials if available), and (v) a brief description of how the candidate plans to contribute to a diverse and inclusive research and teaching environment. Applicants will be asked to send in 3 letters of reference after the screening of applications. Applicants are encouraged to share career interruptions or personal circumstances that may have had an impact on their careers, such as but not limited to the decision to have a family, eldercare, illness, and so forth.

The complete application should be sent to Dr. Aaron Johnson, Chair, Department of Psychology, Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke St West, PY146, Montreal, Quebec, H4B 1R6 Canada, or [psychology@concordia.ca](mailto:psychology@concordia.ca) (electronic submissions preferred).

We anticipate filling this position by August 1, 2020. **Review of complete applications will begin on September 23, 2019.**

Applicants who anticipate needing accommodations for any part of the application process may contact, in confidence, Nadia Hardy, Vice-Provost, Faculty Development and Inclusion at [vpfdi@concordia.ca](mailto:vpfdi@concordia.ca) or by phone at 514.848.2424 extension 4323.

*Concordia University is strongly committed to employment equity within its community, and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, Indigenous persons, members of sexual minorities, persons with disabilities, and others who may contribute to diversification. Candidates are invited to self-identify in their applications.*

*All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian and Permanent Residents will be given priority. To comply with the Government of Canada's reporting requirements, the University is obliged to gather information about applicants' status as either Permanent Residents of Canada or Canadian citizens. While applicants need not identify their country of origin or current citizenship, all applications must include one of the following statements:*

*Yes, I am a citizen or permanent resident of Canada*  
*or*  
*No, I am not a citizen or permanent resident of Canada.*



**Clinical Neuroscience of Addiction**  
**National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism**

We are recruiting a postdoctoral fellow to conduct research in the intramural clinical research program of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), one of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The fellow will work on research projects examining neurofunctional domains underlying alcohol use disorder as well as genetic and environmental determinants of these relationships in humans. The primary work site will be the Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center on the main NIH intramural campus in Bethesda, MD. The projects are led by Vijay Ramchandani, Ph.D., Chief of the Section on Human Psychopharmacology, together with David Goldman, M.D., Clinical Director and Nancy Diazgranados, M.D., M.Sc., Deputy Clinical Director.

Candidates with a Ph.D., M.D., or Pharm.D./Ph.D. in clinical neuroscience, psychology, genetics, pharmacology, or related field, are encouraged to apply. Experience in data science, bioinformatics, or advanced statistical analyses highly preferred. Strong verbal and written communication skills are essential. Candidates should have less than 5 years of post-doctoral training. Salary will be set commensurate with experience and accomplishments as well as NIH guidelines.

To apply, candidates must submit a letter of application, along with CV including list of publications and three letters of recommendation, to Dr. Vijay Ramchandani at [vijayr@mail.nih.gov](mailto:vijayr@mail.nih.gov).

*Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. The NIH is dedicated to building a diverse community in its training and employment programs.*



**WARRIORS RESEARCH INSTITUTE (WRI)**

The Warriors Research Institute (WRI), located in Waco, Texas, is **seeking a full-time Research Postdoctoral Fellow**. WRI is part of Baylor Scott & White Research Institute of Baylor Scott & White Health.

The WRI was founded in 2013 by Dr. Suzy Gulliver, Director and Chief. WRI's mission is to improve the quality of care available to military veterans and emergency responders via a program of scientific inquiry. We develop and disseminate new treatments for those suffering the sequelae of toxic or traumatic work events. In addition to providing and evaluating state-of-the-art experimental treatments, we train future generations of treatment providers in evolving

evidence-based care. Topics of research at the WRI include substance use, PTSD, suicide, stigma, & mTBI in first responders & veterans. See [www.BSWH.md\WRI](http://www.BSWH.md/WRI) for more information.

Expectations include: Hone skills to design and implement a research strategy, develop and complete a project, collaborate with national experts and outstanding scientists in the field, attend and present at national conferences, author and co-author peer-reviewed publications, perform various laboratory functions, basic research, laboratory maintenance, and administrative duties, and contribute to ongoing study projects.

The ideal candidate will possess a Doctorate in Psychology, qualified to deliver psychotherapy, experience in investigator-initiated research, applicable knowledge of basic to advanced laboratory procedures, understanding of academic and safety practices, skilled in the use of computer software related to research needs, and excellent writing skills.

**To apply please visit:**

<https://jobs.bswhealth.com/index.gp?method=cappportal.showJob&layoutid=2092&inp1541=&inp1375=9939&opportunityid=9939>

Job Title: Research Postdoctoral Fellow

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