

EMSB students recruited to partner with MUHC researchers

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Students from the English Montreal School Board got a glimpse of the research labs at the McGill University Health Centre Tuesday. *PHOTO COURTESY MUHC*

Aiming to inspire the next generation of scientists, the [McGill University Health Centre](https://montrealgazette.com/tag/muhc) (<https://montrealgazette.com/tag/muhc>) and the [English Montreal School Board](https://montrealgazette.com/tag/english-montreal-school-board) (<https://montrealgazette.com/tag/english-montreal-school-board>) are teaming up to pair high school students with researchers on a wide range of projects.

More than 40 students from five high schools will collaborate with MUHC researchers on projects that fall under the acronym of STEAM, which stands for science, technology,

engineering, the arts and mathematics. Graduate trainees at the [Research Institute](https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/muhc-foundation-to-pump-11-million-into-new-research) (<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/muhc-foundation-to-pump-11-million-into-new-research>) of the MUHC will mentor the students in their labs at the Glen site over the next six weeks.

“This partnership not only gives aspiring young students access to some of the best biomedical science being conducted internationally, it gives McGill research trainees the unique opportunity to inspire and help shape the next generation of creative thinkers and leaders,” David Eidelman, dean of medicine at McGill University, said in a statement.

Among the schools taking part are Laurier Macdonald, Lester B. Pearson, Lauren Hill Academy, John Paul I, Maymount Academy and John Grant. But other schools might join later, said Sara Iatauro, a science, robotics and technology consultant at the EMSB.

“There’s huge potential,” Iatauro said, adding that the students will ultimately have to make presentations of their projects. She cited as a potential example a project on cancer.

Each student will spend a total of six hours with their mentor. The students were selected by teachers at the schools.

“I am proud to see the RI-MUHC at the forefront of this educational initiative that will strengthen connections with a part of our community,” said Dr. Pierre Gfeller, chief executive officer of the MUHC.

Federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau, a former astronaut, was on hand for the event.

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