#### Koerner Fund - Awardees list from other centres

# **Discovery Fund Postdoctoral Research Award**

## 2023 Competition

**Heather Brooks** (supervisor: Dr. Tarek Rajji): *Optimizing theta-burst stimulation to enhance plasticity in the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex* 

**Jesse Lacasse** (supervisor: Dr. Liisa Galea): *Identifying age-specific biomarkers underlying the link between major depressive disorder and hormonal contraceptive use in depression* 

**Davide Momi** (supervisor: Dr. John Griffiths): *Titled computational modeling of TMS-EEG brain network dynamics in depression* 

**Ju-Chi Yu** (supervisor: Dr. Stephanie Ameis): Developing and applying new multivariate methods to compare dimensional and categorical subtypes of schizophrenia and autism spectrum disorders using structural and functional brain connectivity

### 2022 Competition

**Samar Elshiekh** (supervisor: Dr. Daniel Mueller): Integrative and multifactorial prediction of antidepressant remission in late-life depression using structural equation modelling

**Shohreh Kariminezhad** (supervisor: Dr. Pushpal Desarkar): Does hyperplasticity at the primary somatosensory cortex underlie atypical tactile reactivity in autism spectrum disorder?

**Jennifer Lepock** (supervisor: Dr. Michael Kiang): *Effects of N-acetylcysteine on cognitive event-related potential biomarkers of the clinical high-risk state for schizophrenia* 

**Anna Pees** (supervisor: Dr. Neil Vasdev): Development of PET radiopharmaceuticals for imaging cannabinoid receptors

#### 2021 Competition

**Sophia Attwells** (supervisor: Dr. Laurie Zawertailo): *Multi-modal MRI in daily e-cigarette users, daily smokers and healthy controls: Functional and structural comparisons* 

**Katrina Hui** (supervisor: Dr. Daniel Buchman): *Exploring bias and ethical considerations of the expansion of artificial intelligence applications in risk assessments in mental health care through natural language processing and qualitative interviews with clinicians and patients* 

**Christopher Morrone** (supervisor: Dr. Wai Haung): *Mechanisms of sleeplessness and failed proteostasis interact and facilitate cognitive decline in Alzheimer's disease* 

**Alexia Polillo** (supervisor: Dr. Nicole Kozloff): *Delivering early psychosis intervention* services during a pandemic: A mixed-methods analysis of factors associated with mode of delivery, digital equity and associated outcomes

**Annabel Sibalis** (supervisor: Dr. Brendan Andrade): *Deconstructing dysregulation: An examination of parent and child factors associated with the development of behavioural dysregulation in children* 

**Ana-Paula Silva** (supervisor: Dr. Vanessa Gonçalves): *Analysis of mitochondrial DNA variants in youth diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder* 

**Victor Tang** (supervisor: Dr. Daphne Voineskos): Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation for suicidality in concurrent major depressive disorder and alcohol use disorder

**Kazunari Yoshida** (supervisor: Dr. Daniel Mueller): *Investigating the genomic overlap between antipsychotic-induced weight gain and antipsychotic efficacy in schizophrenia* 

#### womenmind Postdoctoral Research Award

### 2023 Competition

**Marina Fodor** (supervisor: Dr. Matthew Sloan): Feasibility of examining sex and gender differences in performances on the addictions neuroclinical assessment among individuals with cannabis use disorder

**Anna Pees** (supervisor: Dr. Neil Vasdev): *PET Imaging of sex differences in the endocannabinoid pathway using preclinical models of Alzheimer's disease* 

**Laura St John** (supervisor: Dr. Yona Lunsky): *Understanding and exploring mental and sexual and reproductive health of women with intellectual disabilities* 

**Nicolette Stogios** (supervisor: Dr. Mahavir Agarwal): *Effects of antipsychotics on brain insulin action in women: A randomized placebo-controlled, crossover multi-modal neuroimaging study* 

### 2022 Competition

**Mohamed Abdelhack** (supervisor: Dr. Daniel Felsky): *Population-level integrative modelling of factors associated with elevated cardiovascular disease risk in women with bipolar disorder* 

**Justin Matheson** (supervisor: Dr. Bernard LeFoll): The relationship between gender, motives to use cannabis and cannabis-related harms: A mixed-methods study

**Ana-Paula Silva** (supervisor: Dr. Erica Vieira): Longitudinal evaluation of the levels of circulating mitochondrial DNA in women with late-life depression and frailty

**Anna van der Miesen** (supervisor: Dr. Meng-Chuan Lai): Sex assigned at birth, gender identity, and gender identity diversity differences in a prospective clinical youth cohort:

Prevalence rates and associations with suicidality, self-harm, mental health risks and protective factors

## **Azrieli Adult Neurodevelopmental Centre Postdoctoral Research Award**

# 2023 Competition

**Rahat Hossain** (supervisor: Dr. Pushpal Desarkar): Assessing plasticity in the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex and its connection with metacognitive difficulties in autism spectrum disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder

**Louisa Man** (supervisor: Dr. Meng-Chuan Lai): Sharing an understanding on what camouflaging is: Shared perspective across autistic adults, caregivers and clinicians

**Lisa Whittingham** (supervisor: Dr. Yona Lunsky): *The characteristics and antecedent* events that result in individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities being brought to an emergency department by police

# 2022 Competition

**Syeda Asma Hsan** (supervisor: Dr. Yona Lunsky): *Enhancing training and personalized learning experience in intellectual and developmental disabilities: A quality improvement project for residents in psychiatry* 

**Alex Porthukaran** (supervisor: Dr. Johanna Lake): *The effectiveness of acceptance and commitment training with autistic adults* 

**Kirsten Smith** (supervisor: Dr. Yani Hamdani): Being and doing: Occupation-centred approaches to mindfulness for adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities