

BIOENGINEERING & BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH SEMINAR



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT MCGILL

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James Mehta holds an MBA from Concordia University and a B. Eng. in Mechanical Engineering from McGill University. He started off his career as an R&D Engineer at Velan and Analyst at Bombardier Aerospace. Later he was the Program Manager of the Injury Repair Recovery (IRR) program at the RI-MUHC. In that role he helped launch and operate the Clinical Innovation Platform (CLIP), a HealthTech start-up incubator and clinical validation site. Recently, he was the Associate Director of Stakeholder Relations for NeuroHub, a software platform developed by McGill neuroscientists. Currently, as a Technology Transfer Manager, he helps protect and commercialize intellectual property generated by McGill researchers. His domain of expertise includes a variety of engineering related technologies and medical devices.

Technology transfer is the process of moving research discoveries and innovations from academia to the commercial sector. Researchers develop cutting-edge research and technological advancements but translating these breakthroughs into real-world applications can be a complex and challenging task. Technology transfer offices (TTOs) within universities are responsible for managing this process, working closely with researchers to identify valuable intellectual property, protecting the IP through patents or other means, and then licensing or selling it to companies that can further develop and commercialize the technology. This talk will give an overview of intellectual property protection and what factors are important in gaining protection. It will also present the McGill policies on Inventions and Software, the services of McGill's Technology Transfer office in commercializing research.

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