



# Western

The Brain and  
Mind Institute

Revised September 30, 2020

## **BMI MEMBERSHIP PROCESS – Core and Associate**

The Brain and Mind Institute consists of both core members and associate members, who play a crucial role in the Institute's research activities and academic programs. Over the years, core members and associate members of the BMI have been drawn from many Faculties across the University.

Western faculty members, as well as faculty from the Lawson Health Research Institute and Western's affiliate colleges, who are actively engaged in cognitive neuroscience, whether basic or applied, can be considered for core membership of the BMI through an application process. All newly hired BMI faculty members will automatically be designated as core members. The BMI also engages with associate members of the Western community, including research scientists and Principal Investigators in clinical departments.

### **CORE Members**

#### *Terms and Responsibilities*

Western faculty members, as well as faculty from the Lawson Health Research Institute and Western's affiliate colleges, who are actively engaged in cognitive neuroscience, are eligible to apply as Core members of the BMI. Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research scientists, technicians, and administrators who are supervised by Core members are also part of the BMI. Core members and their HQP are expected to participate fully in the activities of the BMI, including the seminars and speakers' series, town hall meetings, the bi-annual conference, and various committees of the BMI.

In most cases, Core members and their HQP will have their offices, workrooms, and laboratories housed in (or adjacent to) the new space in the Western Interdisciplinary Research Building. Other Core member privileges may include access to resources (both equipment and personnel), eligibility to apply for internal funding, participation exchange programs participation, and achievement/ research recognition on the BMI website.

To apply for Core membership at BMI, faculty members must submit a CV, a summary of his or her research work (including collaborations both at Western and externally), and a listing of the faculty member's participation (past or anticipated) with BMI - such as, committee involvement, collaborations, delegation visits, talks, contributions, etc.

Effective January 1, 2016, an initial appointment will reviewed at 3 years and all renewed appointments will be revisited every 5 years. In addition, all existing core and associate memberships will go through a renewal process once the Brain and



# Western

The Brain and  
Mind Institute

Mind Institute is granted institute status. All renewed appointments will require an updated CV, along with a summary of the member's participation (past or anticipated) with BMI.

## **ASSOCIATE Members**

### *Terms and Responsibilities*

Associate members are typically (1) research scientists and/or adjunct faculty members based in the BMI and (2) full-time faculty members based elsewhere on campus, who have an interest in cognitive neuroscience and/or collaborate with Core members of the BMI. Typically, Associate members based elsewhere are not expected to participate in the activities of the BMI beyond attending seminars and BMI-sponsored events. Associate member appointments will be posted on the BMI website, along with links to the associate members' lab websites.

To apply for associate membership at BMI, researchers must submit a CV and a summary of his or her research work (including collaborations both at Western and externally).

Appointments for Associate members will be revisited every 5 years and all existing Core and Associate memberships will go through a renewal process once the Brain and Mind Institute is granted institute status. Any renewed appointments will require an updated CV, along with a listing of the member's participation (past or anticipated) with BMI.

After one year as an Associate member, the researcher may be eligible to apply for Core membership.