

Available PhD position (start Jan or Sept 2024)

## Cognition of obligate brood parasites

### Project:

We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to examine sex differences in cognitive abilities in wild-caught brown-headed cowbirds (*Molothrus ater*), with a focus on spatial cognition. The selected candidate will be expected to go in the field to capture their study subjects.

### Key points:

- PhD-level stipend provided for 4 years
- Cognitive testing in a captive setting (primary focus) and fieldwork (secondary)

### Requirements:

- BSc in biology or a related discipline completed by Dec 2023 or August 2024, depending on start date
- Driver's licence (minimum Class 5 or equivalent)
- Strong work ethic

### Assets:

- Bird handling experience
- MSc or other related research experience

*Indigenous, visible minorities, first-generation students and women applicants are especially encouraged to apply.*

*McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations.*



Interested candidates, please send your cover letter, CV, and all transcripts by **Wednesday Nov 1, 2023** to:

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