

Montreal, Quebec – April 3, 2015 – Justin Lessard-Wajcer from Jean-de-Brébeuf College in Montreal has earned top honours at the Quebec edition of the prestigious Sanofi Biogenius Canada (SBC) competition. Justin was chosen by the judges for his research project focusing on the ‘CLARITY’ technique, which creates highly detailed pictures of the brain in order to investigate the link between heart disease and neurological diseases such as Alzheimer’s. This project was completed with the support of mentor Professor H  l  ne Girouard of the Universit   de Montr  al.

One of the country's most prestigious student competitions, Sanofi Biogenius Canada pairs exceptional young scientists with academic mentors to pursue real-world research projects, and participants have produced many promising scientific breakthroughs.

Justin Lessard-Wajcer will now progress to the SBC 2015 National Final in Ottawa on May 25 and 26. There, winners of all nine regional SBC competitions will submit their work to a panel of Canada's pre-eminent scientists for a chance at winning the top prize: a place at the 2015 International BioGENEius Challenge in Philadelphia this coming June. Justin also receives a cash prize of \$5,000, a portion of which will go to Jean-de-Brébeuf College. Runners-up in this year's Quebec regional competition were also awarded cash prizes ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$4,000.

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