

Remi Quirion, PhD

Rémi Quirion is a Professor at McGill University and Scientific Director at the Douglas Hospital Research Centre, a McGill affiliated teaching hospital. Under his leadership, the Douglas Hospital Research Centre became a premier research facility in Canada in the neurosciences and mental health. Dr. Quirion has promoted the development of neurosciences and clinical research in Neurology and Psychiatry as well as social and evaluation aspects of research in mental health and addiction. His research interests include: understanding the relationships between key phenotypes of the Alzheimer's brain and molecular and pharmacological features of neuropeptide receptors focusing on NPY and CGRP, and their role in memory, pain and drug dependence, and in animal models of schizophrenia. A major interest lies in training the next generation of scientists. In addition to being on the Advisory Board of over 15 scientific journals in Psychiatry, Pharmacology, and Neurosciences, Dr. Quirion has published 5 books and more than 500 scientific papers and articles.

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