



Dr. Roberto J. Botelho



Date of birth: November 20

Recent Awards:

2012- The Maud Menten New Principal Investigator Award (CIHR, Institute of Genetics), 2012, \$30,000

2005 - Jean-Francois St. Denis Cancer Fellowship (CIHR): 2005-2008, \$55000.

Current research interests: Understanding organelle identity and function by using the yeast vacuole, phagosomes and immune-related tubular lysosomes as model systems. We employ biochemistry, genetics and imaging to achieve our research goals.

Hobbies: Spending time with my family, traveling, exploring the city, exercising (not very obvious currently!), restaurants (maybe why exercising is not obvious!), video games, watching quality TV shows (Walking Dead and Breaking Bad) and movies, listening to dubstep/drum and bass/classical/hip hop and having a beer with friends.

The biggest challenge facing scientists is ... **sustainable energy sources.**

My first experiment was ... **inverted PCR – failed!**

My favorite way to spend a holiday is ... **nature hiking.**

I am waiting for the day when someone will discover ... **extra-terrestrial life, but hopefully not the kind that will take over our planet.**

When I'm frustrated, I ... **eat an apple outside.**

My top three films of all time are ... **Terminator 2, Sin City and District 9.**

My favorite food is ... **Sushi=Indian=Thai.**

The best stage in a scientist's career is ... **graduate school, hands down.**

My favorite place on earth is ... **Iceland.**

What I look for first in a publication is ... **the figures.**

The natural talent I would like to be gifted with ... **rapping.**

My motto is ... **enjoy what you do in life.**

The most significant scientific advance of the last 100 years has been ... **vaccines.**

The most important thing I learned from my parents is ... **work hard and love your family.**