

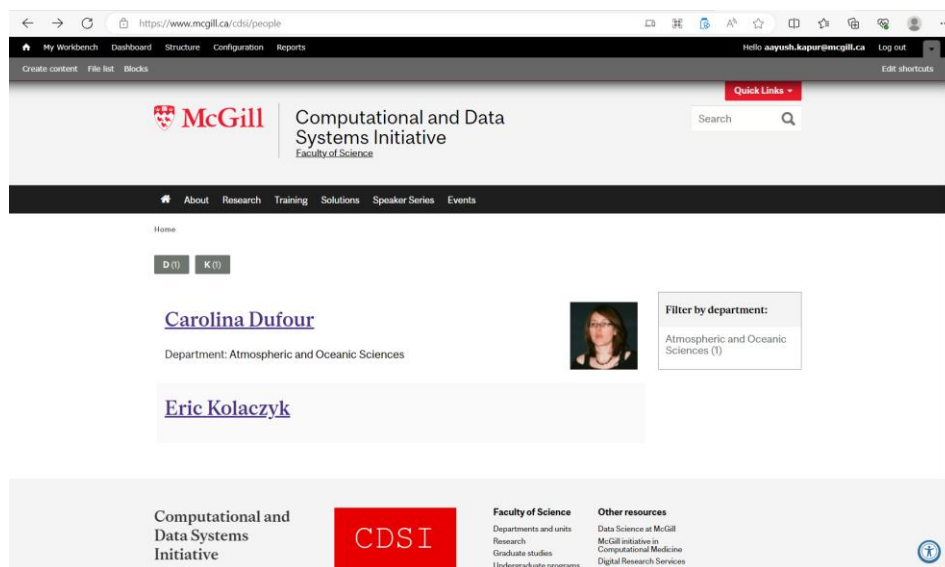
Checked the documentation for McGill profiles. There is a predefined page where all the profiles we add will show up: [Profiles List | Computational and Data Systems Initiative - McGill University](#).

Also, we have a set format to display the profiles. All we can do is create profiles and enable the fields. The result will look like the faculty of management or MacDonald campus's profiles.

Sample links:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/macdonald/people> | <https://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/people>

How will our page look? (If we have more data, there will be more filters under departments and more letters to sort by name. I had disabled the search bar to keep it less cluttered.)



Certain problems with this:

1. Though we can import profiles from McGill database, somehow, we are not getting all the details for the person. Consider the example above, we don't have Eric's picture and department details. Maybe there is some setting to enable which I couldn't find.
2. I believe the profiles we import would be synced with McGill's database automatically so that we do not have to keep updating the profiles to keep them current. As research projects and interests may evolve over time, the people will update their McGill's record and it should be shown here without us needing to do anything. [Will this happen?]

Commented [MM1]: I think the level to which McGill's profiles are up to date varies greatly, depending on specific Department policies or ways of operating. Researchers want to have only one place to maintain updated, and that often is their personal research websites. For example, last year I helped EPS department with their website and more than 70% of Faculty opted to link their name to their personal research website, instead of the McGill database profile. If we choose this option, we would have to make sure the profiles are updated, and if not, we would have to keep them updated, which defeats the point of having this automatically-fed profiles list. Another down side is that there is not much room for customizing the look of the list.

I studied the people's pages from different universities. Following are the main ones worth checking out:

[Leadership – NYU Center for Data Science](#)

[Staff Members Archive - The Data Science Institute at Columbia University](#)

[Leadership & Staff | DSI \(uchicago.edu\)](#)

Considering all this: [regarding second question]

Using McGill's predefined profiles should be the way to go though, we will need to figure out how to retrieve complete data for each person instead of just the email address which is showing up. It will be much less work compared to alternatives in the long run.

Commented [MM2]: As per my comment above, it is not that clear to me that McGill's profiles list is the best solution.

Alternatives being the following: ([Maria-Grace](#) had shared them in May)

[Meet our core team | Branches - McGill's Community Outreach Program at Enrolment Services - McGill University](#)

[Our Team | Office of Science Education - McGill University](#)

[Executive Committee | Music - McGill University](#)

[regarding first question]: Who do we include in the list?

Similar data science centers in other universities have a common theme for people with few variations. The main categories to include being:

- Leadership
- Faculty (it can be a bit political to include faculty across different depts as we are not a "center" but an "initiative" – so implying affiliation with CDSI may not be the first choice)
- Research areas (this is milder: we can add faculty based on the research they are carrying out if it aligns with data science in any manner: everyone is happy – they will get visibility and we will get people)
 - o A section for faculty
 - o A section for Phd students
- Staff

How to do it?

Clearly, we don't have access to all the people working on data science related areas in McGill. We can circulate a form to all major dept.'s faculty mailing lists providing them with context on what CDSI is, what we are trying to do and ask them to share the required details through the form if they want visibility through CDSI.

Then we can get in touch with IT to load all that data to banner (McGill's DB) and pull from banner for our profile section. Since the profile section already has the look and feel we desire, the only task is to

provide the data. We can create sections in McGill profiles by introducing filters for Leadership, Faculty, Staff, etc. The product will be something like this:

Handwritten Notes:

- Red:**
 - "These fields will be replaced by: - Leadership - Faculty - Research - Academics - Staff"
 - "This is part of profile WMS template."
 - "Search bar has been disabled here."
 - "We can mention short bio"
 - "Email, How it relates to DS?"
- Blue:**
 - "This will be clickable -> link to profile page of person."
 - "This allows quick identification of DS + other field"
 - "Very useful (Not present elsewhere)"
 - "These will be the research areas/ Dept to filter people."
 - "Optional fields Open to Projects"
 - "Looking for collaborators"
 - "How it relates to Data Science?"

Profile Template Structure:

- Header:** Navigation bar (Macdonald Campus, Prospective Students, Undergraduates, Graduates, Alumni, Research, Events, Contact).
- Left Sidebar:**
 - Home / Research
 - AES Strategic Research Plan
 - Research Expertise
 - Research Chairs and Scholars
 - Research Centres, Networks, Units and Clusters
 - Research facilities
 - Ethics and Compliance
 - Seminars, Symposia and Information Sessions
 - Undergraduate Research
 - Canada Foundation for Innovation Grants
 - Contact us
- Main Content:**
 - Viacheslav Adamchuk** (Academic title(s): Professor; Chair, Bioresource Engineering)
 - Jan Franklin Adamowski** (Academic title(s): Professor William Dawson Scholar Liliane and David M. Stewart Scholar in Water Resources Director - Integrated Water Resources Management Program Associate Director, Brace Centre for Water Resources Management)
- Right Sidebar:**
 - Filter by area(s):
 - Sustainable Crop and Livestock Production Systems (46)
 - Environment, Ecology and Sustainability (42)
 - Human Nutrition and One Health (37)
 - Safe, Nutritious and Secure Food Supply (33)
 - Soil, Water and their Sustainable Management (26)
 - Bioproducts, Biomaterials and Bioenergy (16)
 - Filter by research areas:
 - Agriculture (38)