Thank you for your interest in the Billon lab. Please complete this document and return it to [pierre.billon@ucalgary.ca](mailto:pierre.billon@ucalgary.ca), including your most recent academic transcripts and any additional documents that you think are important for the evaluation of your application. Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Important note for applicants:**

To ensure an effective application form, we strongly recommend against the extensive use of AI-assisted writing tools (*e.g.*, ChatGPT and others). Instead, we encourage applicants to articulate their experiences, skills, and motivations in their own words. Originality in your application will significantly enhance our appreciation of your unique aspirations and increase your chances of landing an interview.

We look forward to reviewing your application to the laboratory.

**Your full name:**

Your answer:

**Question 1:** Program Application. Specify whether you are applying for an M.Sc or a Ph.D position? Please indicate your preferred start date.

Your answer:

* Following up question for **M.Sc applicants** only: Are you considering the possibility of transferring to a Ph.D program, or is your focus primarily on completing a Master’s degree? Explain in a few sentences your preference.

Your answer:

* Following up question for **Ph.D applicants** only: Although we are focusing on the recruitment of M.Sc students, we will consider the application of exceptional Ph.D. candidates. Please explain why you should be considered as an exceptional Ph.D candidate (*i.e.*, top 5% of applicant pools)?

Your answer:

**Question 2:** Motivation. What drives your interest in joining our lab?

Your answer:

**Question 3:** Statement of Purpose. Outline your scientific interests, and research objectives. Describe how they align with the Billon lab’s focus areas. Highlight any particular projects, technologies, or areas of research within the lab you are particularly keen to explore.

Your answer:

**Question 4:** Previous research experience. Detail your prior research experiences, including your role and a short description on the methodologies you learned. Discuss how these experiences have prepared you for graduate school.

Your answer:

**Question 5:** Publications. List any of your publications, presentations (oral or poster), or articles under review that you have contributed to.

Your answer:

Publications (limited to ‘submitted’, in press, or published articles ):

Oral presentations:

Posters presentations:

**Question 6:** Future contributions to the lab. Describe why you would be a great addition to the laboratory, focusing on both your technical competencies and interpersonal skills.

Your answer:

**Question 7:** Academic achievements and Awards. List your academic accomplishments, recognitions, and awards. Please provide a brief explanation for each.

Your answer:

**Question 8:** References. Provide the contact details of at least two referees who can attest to your academic capabilities. Letters of recommendation should not be included in your application package.

Your answer:

**Question 9:** Additional information. Utilize this space to share any other relevant information that hasn’t been covered by the previous questions for our consideration.

Your answer: