## **Neuroscience careers in government and industry**

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Nathalie Gendron obtained a Ph.D. from the Université de Paris 7 in 1993 and then pursued post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Ottawa and at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute. She later held a position as a Research Scientist at the CHEO Apoptosis Research Centre for 5 years; Dr. Gendron's research interests were in the molecular mechanisms of the neurological disorder Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Dr. Gendron joined the Canadian Institute of Health Research as a Deputy Director (Program Delivery) in 2006. In this capacity she oversaw the peer review for 13 of the Open Operating Grant Program competition; strategic initiatives under 3 CIHR Institutes (Circulatory and Respiratory Health; Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction; Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes); and the Regenerative Medicine and Nanomedicine Initiative.

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