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Dear Child Health and Wellness Research community,

As we approach the end of 2024, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your transformative work across research, education and care! **Your unwavering commitment to putting children, families and communities at the centre of your efforts is truly inspiring.**

A heartfelt thank you to our trainees, research staff, and collaborators across campus, at ACH and AHS, and within the community. Your dedication and contributions play a crucial role in improving the lives of children, families and communities, both locally and around the world.

Wishing you a warm and happy break, and we look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2025!

From the ACHRI and One Child Every Child teams

2024 ACHRI & OCEC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM



The **2024 ACHRI & One Child Every Child Research Symposium** on November 21 and 22 welcomed over 410 researchers, trainees and partners. It was fantastic to gather in-person to learn from each other and celebrate our diverse research community! What a stellar agenda of brilliant speakers and inspiring panelists. This year was our biggest ever with **74 speakers, 18 chairs, 78 trainee posters and 30 sessions**. It was an honour to have **Elders Reg and Rose Crowshoe** open the symposium, and **Elder Rod Hunter** gift us with the UCalgary honour song. UCalgary President **Dr. Ed McCauley** kicked off the day with warm remarks and Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation CEO **Saifa Koonar** closed day one with heartfelt inspiration.

Thank you to the **ACHRI Trainee Association (ACHRITA)** for organizing the poster and oral presentations. A massive big congratulations to all trainee presenters! [View trainee poster presenters](#)

Thanks to all who attended!

NEW: ONE CHILD EVERY CHILD GRADUATE AWARDS

Funded through the One Child Every Child (OCEC) Transdisciplinary Training Accelerator, the **OCEC Graduate Future Leaders Awards** are designed to attract and retain exceptional talents

at the graduate level, promote transformational, transdisciplinary research in Child Health and Wellness, and position scholars for success as the research leaders of tomorrow.

There are five awards available:

- Two awards for Master's students: \$38,000 per year for up to 2 years
- Three awards for PhD students: \$40,000 per year for up to 2 years

Deadline: Monday, February 17 at 11:59 pm MT

Questions? Email training.ocec@ucalgary.ca

[Learn more](#)

ONE CHILD EVERY CHILD BASECAMP

Basecamp is the place where you can connect with OCEC teams and access resources, toolkits and events.

Watch these short videos to learn how to use Basecamp:

[Basecamp 101](#)

[Basecamp Notifications](#)

[Fill in this webform](#) to join our Basecamp network.

If you identify as an Indigenous researcher, please connect with sulyn.bodnaresko1@ucalgary.ca.

One Child Every Child is on [Instagram](#) and [Linkedin](#)! Discover the exciting work of our researchers, explore our themes and accelerators, and if a post catches your interest, we'd love for you to share it.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please join us in welcoming three new members to the Healthy Children, Families & Communities Program:

- **Dr. Pam Roach's** research centers around Indigenous health, specifically brain health and dementia in underserved populations. [View profile](#)
- **Dr. Melanie Rock's** research program focuses on people's pets as negative and positive influences on mental, physical and social well-being. [View profile](#)
- **Dr. Linda Nguyen's** projects co-develop programs to support youth with disabilities and siblings during the transition to adulthood, as well as mobilizing knowledge into research, practice and policies. [View profile](#)

AWARDS



Congratulations to:

- **Drs. Kirsten Fiest, Deborah Kurrasch and Dianne Mosher** on being chosen as Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women of 2024. [Read more](#)
- **Drs. Karen Benzies, Ethan MacDonald and Nils Forkert** on being honoured at the 35th ASTech Awards. [Read story](#)
- **Dr. Bukola Salami** for being appointed as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Tier 1 CRC in Black and Racialized Peoples' Health. [Read story](#)
- **Dr. Araba Chintoh** for being appointed as the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Child and Adolescent Mental Health. [Read more](#)
- **Dr. Danielle Whittier** for being appointed as the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Pediatric Musculoskeletal Imaging. [Read more](#)
- **Dr. Guang Yang** for being appointed as the Canada Tier 2 CRC in Gene Regulation in Brain Development. [Read story](#)
- **Dr. Mary Dunbar** for being named in Avenue Magazine's 2024 Top 40 Under 40. [Read story](#)
- **Dr. Adam Kirton** on being awarded the Hopewell M.I.N.D. Prize. [Read story](#)
- **Dr. Katie Birnie** on her Emerging Leader Award from Children's Healthcare Canada. [Watch video](#)

IN THE NEWS

- **Family involvement in research leads to powerful outcomes**, Dr. Sarah MacEachern and Greta Heathcote
- **2024 McCaig-Killam Teaching Award winner David Nicholas finds powerful synergy between teaching and research**, Dr. David Nicholas
- **UCalgary researchers help preserve future fertility options for children impacted by cancer**, Drs. Greg Guilcher, Sarah McQuillan and Miranda Fidler-Benaoudia
- **Pronouns in schools**, Dr. Brae Anne McArthur
- **UCalgary researcher hopes to make video game experiences better for neurodiverse kids**, Dr. Eli Kinney-Lang
- **Class of 2024: First graduate of Computational Neuroscience program studies the 'edge of chaos'**, Dr. Signe Bray

- **A \$9.5-million gift from the Canadian Cancer Society is fuelling groundbreaking research for rare and hard-to-treat cancers at UCalgary**, Dr. Doug Mahoney
- **Parenting Tips**, Dr. Sheri Madigan
- **Menopause under the microscope**, Drs. Nicole Culos-Reed and Raylene Reimer
- **UCalgary startup Taylored Biotherapeutics develops mental health solutions targeting the gut-brain connection**, Dr. Valerie Taylor
- **Too many kids face bullying rooted in social power imbalances — and educators can help prevent this**, Dr. Deinera Exner-Cortens
- **UCalgary researchers locate intervention points to prevent male perpetration of domestic violence**, Lana Wells
- **Canadian scientists give thumbs down to fast food, sugary drink posts aimed at kids**, Dr. Charlene Elliott

PUBLICATIONS

- **Are we asking the right questions? Female athletes' perspectives on the menstrual cycle in sport**, Dr. Patricia Doyle-Baker
- **Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences in Child Population Samples: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**, Drs. Sheri Madigan Nicole Racine, Gina Dimitropoulos and Tyler Williamson
- **Assessment of insulin dose changes in pediatric patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus starting on continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion**, Dr. Grace Kwong

TRAINEES & POSTDOCS

CSM LONGVIEW JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS



Calling all child health and wellness students! All submissions must be original works that fulfill the Longview's mission of expressing the unique student experiences of modern healthcare. **Learn more**

TRAINEE FUNDING

UCalgary Undergraduate Summer Research Studentships

Student deadline: Monday, January 27; **Supervisor deadline:** Friday, January 31

Details

Owerko Centre Trainee Grants

Deadline: Monday, February 10

Details

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice Trainee Award

Submission deadline: Friday, February 28

Details

For details on ACHRI and OCEC trainee awards, please visit our [Trainee Funding page](#).

Questions? Email achri.training@ucalgary.ca

ACHRI/OCEC supervisors: Please encourage your trainees to [register](#) to receive the newsletter, updates and access to funding and workshops.

RESEARCHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CSM Indigenous Local and Global Health Office Pathways to Healing Grants

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis.

Questions? Email path2healing@ucalgary.ca

CIHR Team Grant: Healthy Youth (2024)

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, December 10 at 6 pm

Owerko Centre Small Equipment Grant

Up to \$50,000 per request

Deadline: Wednesday, January 15

EVENTS AND SEMINARS

Science in the Cinema presents Inside Out 2

Join us for a free movie and popcorn! Inside Out 2 returns to the mind of Riley who is entering puberty and experiencing brand-new emotions. Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust, who've been running a successful operation, aren't sure how to feel when Anxiety shows up.

After the film, UCalgary experts will lead the audience in a discussion and Q&A about mental health for today's youth.

Panelists: Drs. Iliana Ortega and Carly McMorris, and Mental Health 4 Kids Youth Advisory Council Member Laiba Nasir.

Tuesday, January 21: 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Central Public Library

Register

2025 Community and Research Engagement (CARE) Symposium

January 20, 2025: 8 am - 6 pm

MacEwan Hall Ballroom, University of Calgary

Abstract deadline: Monday, December 16

[Register](#)

Family Engagement in Research (FER) Course

Sponsored by the Azrieli Accelerator in collaboration with One Child Every Child

Winter Cohort: Monday, February 2 - Friday, April 11, 2025

[Details](#)

Perinatal & Child Health Research Annual Meetings

May 12 - 15, 2025

Le Centre Sheraton, Montreal

[Learn more](#)

UCalgary 12th International Spirituality Conference

Evolving and Flourishing in an Age of Disruption:

The role of spirituality in realignment and transformation

June 18 - 21, 2025

[Learn more](#)

7th International Indigenous Voices in Social Work Conference

August 12 - 15, 2025

More details to come

For all events visit the [ACHRI calendar](#).

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