Dear ACHRI family,

Happy 2021! We have so much to look forward to this year.

A gentle reminder about the first-ever Child Health and Wellness Grand Challenge Catalyst Awards. Please submit your proposal title and names of your team members to achri.awards@ucalgary.ca by tomorrow Tuesday, January 12. Full applications are due February 10.

A warm welcome to the new Training and Education Committee, and a huge thank you to Drs. Alberto Nettel-Aguirre, Donna Slater and Guang Yang for your tireless work on this committee and longstanding support for trainees.

The CIHR Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction has introduced a new Strategic Plan led by scientific director Dr. Sam Weiss. Read more here.

With Child Health and Wellness now an identified research priority, we are excited to support your outstanding research for children and families.

Thank you all,

Susa, Benedikt, Marinka and Quentin

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
Pre-announcement: Human Frontier Science Research Grants
The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) are pleased to announce the upcoming funding opportunity: Young Investigator and Program Grants. These grants support innovative basic research into fundamental biological problems with emphasis on novel and interdisciplinary approaches involving science across national and international boundaries. Deadline March 2021
Learn more

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR

Dr. Deinera Exner-Cortens, PhD, Tier II CRC in Childhood Health Promotion
The Canada Research Chairs Program named seven UCalgary faculty members to its ranks in recognition of their achievements and pursuit of research excellence. UCalgary is now home to 66 active Canada Research Chairs. Congratulations to Dr. Deinira Exner-Cortens, PhD, on your CRC! Exner-Cortens leads evaluation of healthy
relationships programs and approaches in school and community settings across Alberta. Read more

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

ACHRI STEP — Strategic Training and Education Program
We welcome Drs. Sheri Madigan and Dr. Tim Shutt to ACHRI's Training and Education Committee, joining Drs. Katie Chaput and Gerald Giesbrecht along with trainee reps Dr. Anna MacKinnon (postdoc rep) and Craig Jacobs (grad rep). The committee is the advisory body of ACHRI and responsible for program development, operations and financial management of the training initiatives of ACHRI within the Child Health and Wellness Strategy.

The committee is chaired by the Education Director Dr. Quentin Pittman, "I want to thank our retiring members, Drs. Alberto Nettel-Aguirre, Donna Slater and Guang Yang for their many hours of work for this committee and their dedication to trainees. We look forward to doing our most this year to help our young scientists develop the skills they need to compete in this challenging environment. Please welcome Sheri and Tim who will be capably helping to guide our program, and we thank our previous members for work well done!" Visit STEP

TRAINEE OPPORTUNITIES
We invite all new grad and post-doc trainees to register here to access ACHRI STEP opportunities.

**Summer Studentships:** Deadline February 5
The UCalgary Summer Studentship application portal is now open. Questions? Contact summerstudent@ucalgary.ca
Apply at the consolidated application portal

**Trainee Publication Award:** Deadline February 1
Applications are accepted from current undergraduate, graduate, or postdoctoral trainees in good standing whose primary supervisor is a member of ACHRI. These awards are competitive internal awards for the purpose of recognizing trainee achievement and excellence in child health research. Apply

**Trainee Travel Awards:** Under COVID-19 restrictions, ACHRI is accepting applications for attending virtual conferences or workshops on a rolling basis. Apply

Need help? Visit ACHRI Research Training or contact achri.training@ucalgary.ca

**Scientific Programming Series**
Dr. Signe Bray, PhD, leads a course on computing tools via REALISE. Everyone welcome.
January 15 – April 16 | Weekly on Fridays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Learn more

**PURE Awards - Program for Undergraduate Research Experience**
This award supports undergrads to conduct research between May and August.
Deadline February 5
Apply

**Graduate Students Images Research Competition**
This award allows grads to showcase their research through photos.
Deadline January 31
Apply

Do you know someone who should be nominated for a Calgary Award?
These awards celebrate and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions made by Calgarians. Each year, individuals, community groups and organizations are nominated in five major award categories for a total of 13 awards. More than half of last year’s recipients had a connection to UCalgary. [Nominations here](#)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Child Health and Wellness Seminars**
*Mondays at 8:30 am*
Monday, January 11
Dr. Matthew Corkum, PhD
Walk a Mile in my Shaky Shoes - How Health Care Professionals Can Tap Into the Ability in disABILITY
[Register](#)

Monday, January 18
Dr. Maria Santana, PhD and Sumedh Bele, PhD Candidate
KidsPRO: A Platform to Incorporate Patient-Reported Outcomes
[Register](#)
For all events visit the ACHRI [calendar](#)

**WCHRI, CCHCSP and ACHRI**
Wednesday, January 20
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Dr. Meghan Riddell, PhD, University of Alberta
How to write a lay abstract: effectively communicating your grant application to non-
specialists
Register

**Alberta Children's Hospital Town Hall**
Thursday, January 21
11 am
Dr. Jim Kellner, MD
COVID-19 vaccines: Current status and when will they get us out of the pandemic
Register

**Health Research Platform Lunch and Learn**
Monday, January 25
12 pm - 1 pm
Linda Longpré, CCRP
The Quality Assurance and Regulatory Compliance Program for Clinical Research: Lessons Learned
Register

**COVID-19 RESPONSE**

*Key resources*  Procedure for sick students  |  Procedure for sick employees  |  Dashboard of cases on campus

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