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CANADIAN RARE DISEASE NETWORK COMMUNITY REPORT



Since its launch on February 29, 2024, the Canadian Rare Disease Network (CRDN) has made significant strides in uniting and advancing Canada's rare disease community. The community report highlights key milestones, including the co-creation of a strategic roadmap and collaborations across the country. CRDN is enabled by One Child Every Child.

[View report](#)

NEW RECLAIMING INDIGENOUS BIRTH WEBSITE

This initiative led by One Child Every Child's Dr. Jennifer Leason is dedicated to supporting Indigenous families by reclaiming traditional birthing knowledge, empowering birth workers, and strengthening community connections.

[View site](#)

WORKSHOPS

Online Indigenous Research and Ethics Series

Thursday, March 13 (9:30 – 11:30 am): Part I: Why Indigenous Research Matters ([Zoom link](#))

Thursday, March 20 (9:30 – 11:30 am): Part II: Ethically Engaging with Indigenous Research ([Zoom link](#))

[Register](#)

Hybrid Indigenous Accelerator March Book Study *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act*

Monday, March 24: 9 - 10 am, HMRB 293 OR [Join Zoom](#) (Passcode: 678581)

OR Tuesday, March 25: 3 - 4 pm, HMRB 293 OR [Join Zoom](#) (Passcode: 515922)

[Register by March 17 at 11:59 pm](#)

INDIGENOUS RESEARCH CIRCLE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

With generous funding from the One Child Every Child Transdisciplinary Training Accelerator, the Indigenous Research Circle (formerly, Community-Based Learning Hub) is offering three new research positions for Indigenous Master's and PhD students:

1. Planet Youth Calgary Lead Researcher: Dr. Pamela Roach
2. Exploring the Mind-Body Connection and the Importance of the Gut-Brain Axis in Individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Lead Researcher: Dr. Tamara Bodnar
3. Traditional Cree Knowledge Practices Lead Researcher: Dr. Michael Hart

These positions run until August 31, 2025 with the possibility of one-year extensions.

The pay is as follows: Master's students: \$28,000; Doctoral students: \$30,000

Want to apply? Email angela.tucker@ucalgary.ca

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](#)! Follow us to explore groundbreaking research, dive into our key themes and accelerators, and help spread the word by sharing posts that inspire you.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Are you former ICU or PICU patient, family member, caregiver or healthcare provider?

Take a 30 minute survey to share the top 10 questions you believe are most important for guiding future ICU or PICU research

JOIN THE MICYRN & RareKids-CAN NETWORK

Calling all child health clinical experts

The Maternal Infant Child and Youth Research Network (MICYRN) and the Pediatric Rare Disease Clinical Trials and Treatment Network (RareKids-CAN) invites methodological and clinical experts to apply for membership in an Expert Database focusing on child health.

[Learn more](#)

MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH 4 KIDS REGISTRY



Are you recruiting for a child or adolescent mental health research study?

The Mental Health Research 4 Kids (MHR4K) Research Registry can help! The University of Calgary-based registry connects young people (0-18 years of age) and their families with mental health research studies. The Registry has 450 names and is growing. [Learn more](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please join us in welcoming our new members:

- **Dr. Aaron Gruber** to the Child Brain and Mental Health program. [View profile](#)
- **Dr. Arshad Ayyaz** to the Precision Medicine & Disease Mechanisms program. [View profile](#)
- **Dr. Shelina Jamal** to the Care Transformation for Children program. [View profile](#)

AWARDS



2025 Top 30 Under 30

Sending a big shoutout to **Aliza Jaffer** on being named on the 2025 Top 30 Under 30 Alberta Council for Global Cooperation list.

"It is not always the volume of your voice that matters most, but how deeply your words resonate with those who hear them," says Jaffer.

[Read more](#)



Fall 2024 CIHR Recipients

Let's give a huge shoutout to these incredible ACHRI researchers for earning CIHR awards this fall!

[View full list of awardees](#)

Sending congratulations to **Dr. Jeff Dunn** on receiving the 2024 University of Calgary Teaching Award for Educational Leadership. [Read more](#)

IN THE NEWS

- **New report signals provinces and territories must work together to eliminate barriers for persons with disabilities**, Dr. Jennifer Zwicker
- **Academic entrepreneurship: UCalgary's special capacity to solve tough challenges**, Dr. Chad Bousman
- **Alberta study shows 'reassuring' trends in childhood hospitalization patterns post-pandemic**, Dr. Jim Kellner
- **How to handle difficult conversations in your early career, from salary negotiation to solving conflict**, Anamika Choudhary

At the 2024 World Psychiatric Association (WPA) in Mexico, ACHRI's **Dr. David Cawthorpe**, a member of the Multi-Morbidity Section, spoke with leaders of the WPA's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) Section. This group is developing a new global child and adolescent psychiatric training curriculum.

[View the CAP Section Journal](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- **Impact of age-related changes in buccal epithelial cells on pediatric epigenetic biomarker research**, Drs. Nicole Letourneau, Gerry Giesbrecht, Deborah Dewey and Gillian England-Mason
- **Early-life gut mycobiome core species modulate metabolic health in mice**, Drs. Simon Hirota, Raylene Reimer and Marie-Claire Arrieta
- **The long reach of adversity: Intermediary pathways from maternal adverse childhood experiences to child socio-emotional and cognitive outcomes**, Dr. Sheri Madigan

RESEARCHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2025 CSM Research Enhancement Program

This initiative, led by the Grant Development Office, is designed to enhance the competitive edge of Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) faculty in their pursuit of future grant applications.

Learn more about these streams of funding, eligibility, and the application process

Early Career Investigators in Alberta Research Grant

RSO Final Internal Deadline: March 11 at noon

Agency Deadline: March 15 at 9 am

Questions? Email stephanie.patrick@ucalgary.ca

Team Grant: Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention

Registration: Due directly to CIHR via ResearchNet on April 1

Full application: RSO Internal Deadline is June 16

Questions? Email lindsey.hritzuk@ucalgary.ca

NFRF 2026 Transformation Competition

NOI Webinars: March 11: (French) 8 - 10 am; (English) 11 am - 1 pm

NOI Deadline: April 8 at 9 am

Questions? Email ipd@ucalgary.ca

CSM Indigenous Local and Global Health Office Pathways to Healing Grants

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis.

Questions? Email path2healing@ucalgary.ca

Celebrating Internal Peer Reviewers Champions of Excellence

The Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) has had a long culture of effective IPR, and to recognize the hard work you are putting into supporting your colleagues, we want to acknowledge those peer reviewers making a difference.

If you have received feedback from a peer that took your grant application to the next level, please consider nominating them as a CSM Champion of Excellence.

Nominating someone is easy; send an email to medgrant@ucalgary.ca with the name of the individual you are nominating, and we will take it from there!

TRAINEES & POSTDOCS

TRAINEE FUNDING

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.

EVENTS AND SEMINARS



CRESCENDO

This one-of-a-kind, high-energy musical event is produced by the John Cameron Experience in support of the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and mental health research and programming for young people and their families.

Saturday, April 26: 7 pm
Jack Singer Concert Hall
[Buy tickets](#)

**The Alberta SPOR Support Unit's Patient Engagement Team's
virtual Patient Engagement Journal Club
*Studying How Patient Engagement Influences
Research: A Mixed Methods Study***

Wednesday, March 12: 10 - 11 am

Dr. Deborah Marshall, Aida Fernandes & Sandra Zelinsky

[Paper](#)

[Register](#)

**Friesen Prize Lecture with Dr. Gordon Guyatt
*The Past, Present and Future of Evidence Based Medicine***

Wednesday March 12: 1:30 - 2:30 pm, followed by a reception in Hippocrates mall
Clara Christie, Health Science Centre

[Register](#)

**Faculty of Nursing Food for Thought Breakfast Lecture Series
*Listening to the "Voices" of Children in Paediatric Palliative Care***

Thursday, March 13: 7 - 8:30 am

Dr. Kate Wong

Cassio A/B, MacEwan Student Centre

[Register](#)

Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Social Determinants of Child Health Series

Gifted student health and well-being: The latest beliefs and findings

Monday, March 17: 8:30 - 9:30 am

Dr. Matthew C. Makel

[Register](#)

Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Early Career Researcher Series

***Improving Mental Health Supports
with and for Autistic Girls and Women***

Monday, March 24: 8:30 - 9:30 am

Dr. Ami Tint

[Register](#)

The 2025 Southern Alberta Scientific Equipment (SASE) Trade Show

Wednesday, March 19: 9 am - 2 pm

Azrieli Atrium, Foothills Campus

OWERKO FAMILY DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Does Increased Stress Responsiveness Increase Your Health Risk?

Dr. Emeran Mayer

Tuesday April 1: 3 pm MT, followed by reception at 4 pm

Theatre 4, Health Sciences Building, Foothills Campus

[Register now](#)

Harvey Sarnat Lectureship and Mini-Symposium

Neuromeric Model of Craniofacial Development

Tuesday, April 15: 8 - 11 am

Dr. Michael H. Carstens

Kinsmen Learning Centre Auditorium, Alberta Children's Hospital

[Register](#)

**McCaig Institute Scientists Partnering for Research with Clinicians
(SPARC) 2025**

Tuesday, April 15: 5 - 8 pm

Last Defence Lounge, UCalgary

[Register](#)

Perinatal & Child Health Research Annual Meetings

May 12 - 15

Le Centre Sheraton, Montreal

[Details](#)

UCalgary 12th International Spirituality Conference
Evolving and Flourishing in an Age of Disruption:
The role of spirituality in realignment and transformation

June 18 - 21

[Learn more](#)

7th International Indigenous Voices in Social Work Conference

August 12 - 15

MacEwan Hall, UCalgary

Details and registration coming soon

SAVE THE DATE

2025 ACHRI Research Symposium

Thursday, November 20 & Friday, November 21

MacEwan Hall, UCalgary

This in-person event will focus on our collaborative work on child health and wellness research priorities. More details to come.

For all events visit the **ACHRI calendar**.

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