Thank you Dr. Alberto Nettel-Aguierre
A huge thank you to Dr. Alberto Nettel-Aguerre for serving as director of the ACHRI Education and Training program. We are grateful for the many hours of supervision and guidance you invested in the training platform, overseeing training sessions, award reviews and workshops. Your passion and
commitment to developing the careers of young investigators in child health and wellness are deeply appreciated!
Nettel-Aguierre is an associate professor in Paediatrics and Community Health Sciences, and a statistician in the Child Health Research Unit. He was profiled in January for his contributions to Paediatrics. Read more Taking the fear out of statistics

Welcome Dr. Quentin Pittman
Dr. Quentin Pittman is recognized internationally for his contributions in neuroendocrinology, neuroimmunology and neurophysiology. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, he is currently deputy head of Physiology and Pharmacology. He has served on training award review committees for the International Human Frontiers Science Program, Heart and Stroke Foundation, CIHR Vanier Canada, and numerous internal review committees. "Investment in trainees is fundamental to the future of child health and wellness research and I am committed to building on the excellent work of previous ACHRI educational leaders to increase research training capacity, support new training initiatives and foster a strong interdisciplinary culture."

Quality Graduate Supervision
This course is designed to offer flexible and accessible faculty development for new and experienced graduate supervisors. Learn more
ACHRI is now accepting applications for these awards:

**ACHRI Postdoctoral Fellowships**
Eligibility: Open to trainees of ACHRI members.
Award: $25,000 per year for two years from ACHRI, plus $25,000 per year from the supervisor.
Deadlines: Nov. 1, 2020, 5 PM for new applications; Dec. 1 for renewals

*Award Guide*
*Application Form* - for new applicants only
*Progress Report* - for renewing applicants only

**ACHRI Trainee Small Grants**
Eligibility: Open to trainees of ACHRI members.
Award: up to $3,000
Deadline: Nov. 15, 2020, 5 PM

*Award Guide*
*Application Form*

If you have any questions, visit the trainee [website](#).

**Eyes High Postdoctoral Match-Funding Program**
This program supports faculty to recruit outstanding postdoctoral scholars by awarding partial salary support. It is open to new postdoc appointments at UCalgary.
Deadlines: Nov. 2 and May 3.

[Information and applications](#)

**TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**

**COVID-19 Mental health projects**
Nursing's Dr. Linda Duffett-Leger, PhD, has received a service needs and delivery operating grant to deliver online tools to support children's mental health. This is her first-ever CIHR grant. Duffett-Leger will work with co-principal investigator Dr. Nicole Letourneau, PhD, to adapt her interventions, [VID-KIDS](#) and [ATTACH](#), for online delivery. These programs help moms improve their parenting skills and cope with stress.

In addition, these following ACHRI members are grant recipients:
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Dr. Jennifer Zwicker, PhD, *Nothing Without Us: Towards Inclusive, Equitable COVID-19 Policy Responses for Youth with Disabilities and Their Families.* Zwicker holds the Canada Research Chair in Disability Policy for Children and Youth.

Dr. Kelly Schwartz, PhD, *Screening Student Resiliency and Mental Health Indicators During School Re-Entry.* Schwartz is a member of the Owerko Centre at ACHRI.

Congratulations to all recipients! [Read more](#)

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Expanding opportunities for children with disabilities

Six community partners and UCalgary through its Adapted Summer Sports Camp are collaborating to make sport and recreation more accessible for children with disabilities. The new collective is the Calgary Adaptive Hub: Powered by Jumpstart, and supported by Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. “I know the Hub will provide many children and adolescents with disabilities the opportunities to gain confidence, build friendships and be physically active in ways they may never have known possible,” says Elysa Sandron who led the development of the Adapted Summer Sports Camp through the Vi Riddell Children’s Pain and Rehabilitation Centre with support from the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation. [Read more](#)

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ACH team, he can even do this at home! John’s Instagram

NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Nicola Wright, MD, MSc
Dr. Wright investigates how to improve the diagnosis and management of children with severe combined immune deficiency, a rare genetic disorder. She is the principal investigator for the Primary Immune Deficiency Treatment Consortium, which encompasses 44 centers in North America. Welcome to the Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Program!

Dr. Katrina Milaney, PhD
Dr. Milaney investigates social vulnerabilities related to disability, homelessness, gender, culture, domestic violence, and mental health. Dr. Milaney is the recipient of numerous provincial and national awards and was recently named one of the top 20 Most Compelling Calgarians for 2020. Welcome to the Healthy Children Families and Communities program!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Child Health and Wellness Seminars
Dr. Adam Cheng, MD, University of Calgary
Monday, Oct. 26, 8:30 – 9:30 am
Moving the Needle - Evidenced-based strategies to improve outcomes from cardiac arrest
Register
For upcoming talks, visit the CHW calendar.
2020 Owerko Family Distinguished Lecture
Dr. Tracy Vaillancourt, PhD, University of Ottawa
Canada Research Chair in School-Based Mental Health
Thursday, Oct. 22, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Canada is failing when it comes to the mental well-being of children
Register

Injury Prevention, Sport Medicine and Rehabilitation Research Round
Dr. Brent Hagel, PhD, University of Calgary
Raising Canada: A report on Important Threats to Child Health & Wellness in the Time of COVID-19
Wednesday Oct. 28, Noon - 1 pm
To register email isla.shill@ucalgary.ca

Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (CHREB)
Thursday, Oct. 29, 10 –11:30 am
Drop in session to answer your questions
Zoom Link Password: 428034

Alberta Pregnancy Outcomes and Nutrition (APrON)
10th Celebration
Thurs. Oct. 29, 9 am - 5 pm & Fri. Oct. 30, 9 am - noon
This event features cutting-edge discoveries in maternal-child health, including nutrition, mental health, child development, neurotoxin exposure, genetics, epigenetics and the microbiome.
Register

ACHRI Research Retreat
Monday, Nov. 30
Mark your calendar! Details coming soon.

CANADIAN CHILD HEALTH CLINICIAN SCIENTIST PROGRAM (CCHCSP)
Certificate Eligible Sessions
Tuesday, November 17
Navigating a budget
Jenna Slobozian, Cert RA
Tuesday, December 15
Paper writing - Qualitative research
Dr. Gina Dimitropoulos, PhD
Register by emailing Ruth.Fermin@ahs.ca

COVID RETURN TO CAMPUS
• Key resources: Research relaunch at ACH | Procedure for sick employees | Procedure for sick students | Face covering protocol | Meal preparation and eating spaces | Dashboard of cases on campus | Event risk toolkit | Mental health during COVID

Are you unsure of the circumstances when you should not come to campus? UCalgary has updated its COVID-19 isolation guidance for employees and students. If
You have any questions about this guidance please contact the occupational health nurse at ohn@ucalgary.ca.

- Questions? Email covid19comms@ucalgary.ca

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