Congratulations to Dr. Susa Benseler, Dr. John Gillear and Dr. Suzanne Tough on being elected as Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences! These Fellows join an esteemed community of Canada's top-ranked health and biomedical scientists and scholars — one of the highest honours in the Canadian health sciences community. Read more
Welcome to our new member Dr. Kim Smyth! Joining the Child Brain and Mental Health Program, Smyth is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics. Smyth’s research aims to establish scientific knowledge towards new treatment approaches for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other neurodevelopmental conditions. Smyth’s goal is to create a collaborative network of individuals from diverse backgrounds with expertise ranging from clinical medicine to bench research; from metabolomics to the gut microbiome to electrophysiology to artificial intelligence and beyond. View profile

CELEBRATING OUR POSTDOCS

Although postdoc appreciation week is over, we will continue celebrating our wonderful postdocs!

Marcel van de Wouw

Marcel van de Wouw focuses on understanding how microbes in the gut relate to mental health during pregnancy and the development of children.

“Huge appreciation to Marcel, who despite many pandemic-related obstacles has facilitated thousands of biosample collections in the past 18 months,” says supervisor Dr. Gerald Giesbrecht.

Elodie Labit

Elodie Labit seeks to understand how immune cells interact with fibroblasts to determine their response to injury.

“Her research helps us better understand how skin regenerates, and her mentorship to many students is outstanding,” says supervisor Dr. Jeff Biernaskie.
We understand the many time constraints you face and want to respect your time.

What ACHRI communication channels do you prefer?
Thank you for completing this 3-minute survey by Thursday, October 7 at noon.
Your input will allow us to optimize ACHRI communications.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

New Frontiers in Research Fund –
2022 Transformation Competition
The New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) has launched the 2022 Transformation competition, designed to support large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects.
Deadline: Tuesday, November 2

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If you are applying to the NFRF Transformation competition – or any team grant – and are collaborating with our partner institute in Edmonton, there are funds available to kickstart your team proposal! Check out the ACHRI-WCHRI Team-Based Research Development Fund
ACHRI is partnering with the Women and Children’s Hospital Research Institute (WCHRI) to support the development of Alberta-led research teams focused on maternal-child health.
Deadline: Friday, November 5

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MORE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Snyder Institute Clinical Problems in Chronic & Infectious Diseases Incubator Grants
The Primary Goal of the Clinical Problems Incubator Grant (≤$30,000) is to move a
novel or poorly understood clinical observation(s) into hypothesis driven experimental research leading to a better understanding of disease and identify potential therapeutic intervention strategies. The Secondary Goal is to provide a financial incentive to foster new collaborative efforts between clinicians and basic scientists. The application must include one clinician and one basic scientist, one of whom must be a full Snyder Member.
**Deadline: Friday, November 5**
Details [here.](#)

**QSR International Grant for Early Career Researchers**
Are you an Early Career Researcher who uses qualitative or mixed methods approaches? QSR International has just announced a Research Grant for Early Career Researchers valued at $25,000 USD over two years.
**Deadline: Tuesday, November 30**
Details [here.](#)

**NSERC Alliance – Alliance Innovates Advance Program**
This program within Post-Secondary Investments & Emerging Technologies at Alberta Innovates (AI) is designed to leverage Alliance funding offered by Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).
Applications will continue to be reviewed by AI and NSERC until the 21/22 budget is allocated.
Details [here.](#)

**Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships**
Named after Major-General Georges P. Vanier, the first francophone Governor General of Canada, the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship program helps Canadian institutions attract highly qualified doctoral students.
**Deadlines vary**
Details [here.](#)

Visit ACHRI [website](#) for funding opps

**TRAINEE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**ACHRI Trainee Small Grants**
Open to trainees of ACHRI members.
Award: up to $3,000
**Deadline: Friday, October 15 at 5 PM**
[Award Guide](#)
[Application Form](#)

**Eyes High Postdoctoral Match-Funding Program Fall Competition**
Open to new postdocs at UCalgary at the start of their appointment.
Award: $25,000 per year for two years
**Deadline: Friday, November 5**
[Details](#)

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EVENTS AND SEMINARS

Monday, October 4
12 - 1 pm
Drs. Curtis Brown, Jim Kellner, Caroline Quach-Thanh and Tracy Vaillancourt, with Shannon Proudfoot
Register

Tuesday, October 5
12 - 1 pm
Dr. Alex Clark & Bailey Sousa
Details

UCalgary Alumni All-Access: Effects of Early Childhood Stress on Development
Wednesday, October 6
12 - 1 pm
Dr. Janice Heard, Dr. Nicole Letourneau and Patty Kilgallon
Register

Owerko Neurodevelopmental Clinical Rounds: New Directions in Youth Suicide Prevention: The Role of School Staff
Wednesday, October 6
12 - 1 pm
Drs. Deinera Exner-Cortens and Elizabeth Baker
Register

Raising Canada Report 2021: An Interactive Digital Event
Wednesday, October 6
1 - 2 pm ET
Details

WCHRI Precision Health Research Seminar Series: The Children's Health Environment Clinic: Environment and Precision Health
Wednesday, October 13
12 - 1 pm
Dr. Anne Hicks
Register

Child Health and Wellness Seminar: Youth Mental Health Research From eMH To Clinical Interventions
Monday, October 18
8:30 - 9:30 am
Drs. Gina Dimitropoulos, Katherine Bright and Dan Devoe
Register
Child Health and Wellness Seminar: Assessment of Putative Disease Variants Using Drosophila: Diagnosis, Mechanisms & Precision Therapy
Monday, October 25
8:30 - 9:30 am
Dr. Paul C. Marcogliese
Register

Canadian Symposium for Computational Neuroscience
Tuesday, October 26 - Wednesday, October 27
Register

2021 Owerko Family Distinguished Lecture: Socioeconomic Inequality and Children's Brain Development
Wednesday, October 27
2 - 3:30 pm
Dr. Kimberly Noble
Register

Child Health and Wellness Special Seminar: Sudden Cardiac Arrest in the Young
Thursday, October 28
9 - 10 am
Dr. Shubhayan Sanatani
Register

Children's Healthcare Canada Annual Conference
From Crisis to Catalyst: The Next Chapter for Children's Healthcare
Monday, November 22 - Friday, November 26
Program and Registration

Child Health and Wellness Research Retreat
Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6 pm (In-Person Networking Session: Tentative)
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 (Online Retreat)
Details to follow

For all events visit the ACHRI calendar

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