Happy Thanksgiving - Monday, Oct. 12

To our child health and wellness researchers, we wish you a thanksgiving full of joy, laughter, and marvelous food. We have so much to be grateful for, and we so appreciate your research efforts to make children's lives better. An early Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

GRANTS
Identifying risk factors for suicidality

Dr. Carly McMorris, PhD, researcher at the Owerko Centre and assistant professor at the Werklund School of Education, has received a Young Investigator Innovation Grant from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The two-year grant will support research to identify bio-psycho-social risk factors for the development of suicidality in young people with autism, a population at risk. The research focuses on the interplay between biological vulnerabilities, cognitive factors and lifetime suicidality.

“This is a highly prestigious and competitive award that will enable Dr. McMorris to address a critical research and clinical gap. We do not know who is at risk for suicidality, nor how to assess for it in children with autism, despite the fact that they can be at high risk,” says Dr. Susan Graham, PhD, director of the Owerko Centre at ACHRI.

Stem cell breakthrough

Dr. Derrick Rancourt, PhD, and a team from the Cumming School of Medicine and Schulich School of Engineering developed a way to produce large quantities of human pluripotent stem cells in bioreactors that maintain their effectiveness. The results are published in Communications Biology. Drs. Michael Kallos, PhD, PEng, and Rancourt have been working together for 20 years and are pioneers in expanding pluripotent stem cells. These cells offer
huge potential to advance the development of cell-based therapies, stem cell biobanks and clinical trials in regenerative medicine. Read more.

A microscopic view of stem cells from bioreactors.

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: November 1, 2020, 5 PM for new applications; December 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: November 15, 2020, 5 PM  
**Award Guide**  
**Application Form**

If you have any questions, visit the trainee website or contact Julia Klenin-MacLock at jklenin@ucalgary.ca

**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**

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**Raising Canada 2020: Ringing the alarm for Canada's children**
Join the second Raising Canada event on October 6 featuring Dr. Susa Benseler, MD, PhD, Globe and Mail health reporter André Picard, and Kluane Adamek, Yukon Regional Chief, Assembly of First Nations, to discuss the report's findings and how you can take action. **Register**  
Read UToday story | Read the report

**RBC Race for the kids**
Sign up for this race in support of the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation and the Centre for Child & Adolescent Mental Health. The global event takes place Oct. 17 & Oct. 18, and registration is free! **Register here**

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**CIHR Project Grant update**
**NEW Extended** application deadline - Oct.15  
RSO internal deadline - Oct.13  
Competition details

**ACHRI Bridge Funding**
ACHRI has bridge funding available for members who were highly-ranked but fell below the CIHR cutoff in the March 2020 Project Grant competition.  
Deadline: Oct. 16  
**Guidelines and Application**

**NSERC Research Tools & Instruments**
RSO Internal Deadline - Oct. 22
Competition details

VPR Catalyst Grants
The Office of the Vice-President (Research) is offering a new internal stimulus grant program – in four rounds each year.
First deadline: November 16
Details here.

Additional funding opportunities detailed here.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Child Health and Wellness Seminars
There will be no seminar on Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 12.
For upcoming talks, visit the CHW calendar.

Owerko Neurodevelopmental Rounds
Dr. Jennifer Zwicker, PhD, University of Calgary
Wednesday, Oct. 7, noon – 1 pm
Basic income or basic services? Addressing the systemic disparity of access to services and supports for children with neurodevelopmental disabilities
Register

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

Alberta Pregnancy Outcomes and Nutrition (APrON)
10th Celebration
Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 am - 5 pm & Friday, 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, October 13
Wellness of the clinician scientist
Dr. April Elliott, MD

Tuesday, November 17
Navigating a budget
Jenna Slobozian, Cert RA

Tuesday, December 15
Paper writing - Qualitative research
Dr. Gina Dimitropoulos, PhD

All sessions noon - 1:30 pm
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 | Cessation of the expanded research designation | Return to Campus protocol | Face covering protocol | Meal preparation and eating spaces | Dashboard of cases on campus | Event risk toolkit | Mental health during COVID
- Message for community: Update on the Winter Term
- Questions? Email covid19comms@ucalgary.ca

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