ACHRI is thrilled to welcome Dr. Bukola Salami who joined UCalgary as a professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the CSM on July 1, 2023. Dr. Salami brings with her an ambitious program of research, education, and service, with initiatives focusing on the health of Black and racialized communities.

Before coming to UCalgary Dr. Salamai, a registered nurse was a professor in the Faculty of Nursing and director of the intersections of gender signature area, Office of the Vice-President Research and Innovation, University of Alberta. Her nationally recognized research portfolio ranges from African immigrant child health and immigrant mental health to health-care access for Black women, immigrant children, and Black youth mental health.

Dr. Salami's research mandate has her overseeing the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Accelerator for One Child Every Child awarded by the Canada First Research Excellence Fund in April 2023. The EDI Accelerator team is working with
Under the leadership of Calgary Reads, the Little Red Reading House has been helping promote literacy and a love for books since 2017. On Thursday, September 7, 2023, International Literacy Day, Calgary Reads gifted the Little Red Reading House to UCalgary with support from the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation.

The decision to gift the house to the university came as part of Calgary Reads’ strategy to see the impact of its programs grow by leveraging the strengths of partners across the community. The impact of the house goes beyond its walls. To allow all families the opportunity to engage, there are reading place affiliates throughout Calgary, as well as the Little Red Reading Van which visits sites across Calgary to give out books. Under the Owerko Centre’s leadership, these services will continue.

With the Little Red Reading House joining UCalgary, there will be exciting opportunities for children and families to partner with research happening at the university and create bigger impact for the community. Read more.
We’re thrilled to welcome Melissa Boisvenue (she/her) to the ACHRI team as Communications Advisor. Melissa will primarily focus her work on One Child Every Child. Melissa is a communications professional with a background in public relations and social media and comes to us with years of experience in an agency setting and the not-for-profit space. She finds fulfillment by using her skillset to support organizations that focus on women and children. Melissa is an avid ultra mountain runner and can be found facilitating equine therapy for families who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss.

SUMMER STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Congratulations to all those who presented at the 2023 ACHRI/Owerko Summer Student Research Symposium on August 22! ACHRITA organized the event which had over 160 attendees and featured 62 poster presentations, 10 oral talks, two graduate student presentations, and one Black Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program core hub vision. The keynote speaker, Dr. Melanie Noel, inspired the students with her talk about her career journey.

Sending a big congratulations to all the award winners. We can't wait to see more student research throughout the next year.
**Poster Presentation:**
Winner: Ifeoluwa Apantaku, Supervisor, Dr. Myriam Hemberger
2nd place: Grace Yu, Supervisor: Drs. Michel Innes and Guang Yang
3rd place: Semilore Olafare, Supervisor: Drs. Bukola Salami and Love Nwigwe

**Oral Presentation:**
Winner: Elizabeth Benediktsdottir, Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Zwicker
2nd place: Maya Maclisaac-Jones, Supervisor: Drs. Sheri Madigan and Audrey-Anne Deneault
3rd place: Altamish Bukhari, Supervisor: Dr. Serena Orr

**CONGRATULATIONS VANIER RECIPIENTS**

ACHRI is thrilled to celebrate two recipients who have been awarded one of the most competitive and prestigious graduate awards in Canada, the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS). Congratulations to:

**Dr. Areefa Karan, Community Health Sciences**
Supervisor: Dr. Susan Samuel

Karan is researching the risk of chronic kidney diseases and kidney failure of unknown causes where filtering units of the kidney are damaged. Specifically, she is exploring the effectiveness of treatments for immunoglobulin A (IgA nephropathy) in children aged one to 18 years to help improve the way children with the diseases are treated to ensure that they can have better lives.

**Dr. Prince Ekoh, Social Work**
Supervisor: Dr. Christine Walsh

Ekoh’s doctoral research will utilize an art-based storytelling approach to explore the social network and support experiences of older African refugees living in Calgary and will investigate the nature of the social support individuals receive during migration and post-migration. His findings will aid immigrant-serving agencies, social workers, and policy-makers design and provide ethnic and culture-sensitive programs to support older African refugees and older refugees from other ethnicities.

[Read more.]

**SCIENCE IN THE CINEMA - THE GIFT OF BEING DIFFERENT**
The Gift of Being Different is a short documentary that follows Grant Bruno as he navigates the world of autism. Grant is a parent to autistic children and a PhD student co-supervised by researchers at the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta exploring autism in First Nations communities. He is also a registered member of nipsihkipahk (Samson Cree Nation), one of the reserves that makes up Maskwacis, Alberta. Through the film, we learn his community views autism as a gift.

After the film, the panel will share community perspectives on autism in First Nations communities and will lead the audience in a Q&A around topics raised in the documentary and the world of autism.

This screening is presented in partnership with: The Owerko Centre at the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute, The Azrieli Accelerator, The Office of Indigenous, Local and Global Health, and the Indigenous Primary Health Care and Policy Research (IPHCR) Network.

Wednesday September 27, 2023
7 - 9 pm
TELUS Spark Science Centre
* Space is limited and registration is required for this event. Please ensure everyone who is attending is registered individually *

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
On September 29, 2023, UCalgary’s Office of Indigenous Engagement, in partnership with Calgary Public Library, will honour National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada / Orange Shirt Day with special events held on campus and at Central Library.

The events are intended to raise awareness about the impact and legacy of the Indian Residential School System in Canada and bring people together in the spirit of reconciliation.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada / Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to learn about the history of Residential Schools, intergenerational trauma and Indigenous resilience. This day aligns with the time of year when Indigenous children were forcibly taken from their homes to attend Residential Schools. Many did not return home, many were traumatized for life and some have been brave enough to share their stories. Through the acknowledgement of truth and increased awareness, we aspire to become a country where “Every Child Matters.”

For more information and to register for upcoming events, visit the 2023 Orange Shirt Day page.

ONE CHILD EVERY CHILD NEWS
BASECAMP REGISTRATION

The University of Calgary, partnered with our brilliant research, care and advocacy communities across Alberta and beyond, was successful in the 2023 Canada First Research Excellence Fund competition.

Our national research initiative, One Child Every Child, aims to transform child health research and improve child health outcomes for all children.

We are building robust structures, transparent processes and central resources to enable us all to contribute. Building something this big takes time, and we are grateful for your input.

Filling in this webform allows you to join the One Child Every Child network through Basecamp, our online collaboration platform.

Please note: If you identify as an Indigenous researcher, please also reach out to Dr. Michael Hart at michael.hart@ucalgary.ca.

We will be sharing the first large-scale catalyst funding opportunity this fall – stay tuned.

- Your One Child Every Child team

UCALGARY STRATEGIC
To celebrate the release of the new strategic plan, *Ahead of Tomorrow*, UCalgary hosted a fun-filled morning at the Genesis Centre on Saturday, September 16 where guests discovered our commitment to accessible education, innovative research, and community engagement.

ACHRI was thrilled to have the opportunity to be part of the Strategic Plan launch to share *One Child Every Child* with our community.

View highlights from the event.

**UPDATED UCALGARY TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut’ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3.

The University of Calgary has updated our [Territorial Land Acknowledgement](#) to reflect a recent community decision to change the name of Wesley First Nation to Goodstoney First Nation. At UCalgary, and within ACHRI, it is important we honour the land we live and work on as part of our commitment and responsibility for truth and reconciliation.

"Our laws come from the land, and our practices of granting rights and privileges is a process we were born with, that ties us to this land."

- Piikani Elder Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Hon. LLD’01, Cultural Advisor at UCalgary

Learn more about [Territorial Land Acknowledgement](#) and [Cultural Protocol](#).
IHDCYH TALKS

Attention Faculty, Students and Postdocs – do you have research to share with the general public and do you enjoy making videos?

The CIHR Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) is offering prizes ($500-$3000) for the best video submissions aimed toward lay audiences that present a clear evidence-based message designed to have an impact on the health of children, youth and families. Successful videos will be posted on CIHR and IHDCYH social media and other communications channels.

Registration deadline: September 27, 2023
Application deadline: October 16, 2023

Details

Questions?
Faculty applicants: researchawards@ucalgary.ca
Trainee applicants: rsotrainee@ucalgary.ca

View last year's 3rd prize winning video from ACHRI trainee Megan Patton: Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Health Care with a Chronic Health Condition

IMPaCT SALARY AWARDS
CONJOINT HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD

The Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (CHREB) is looking for clinician members to join the board to help review ethics applications.

The CHREB meets the first and third Thursday of each month, 12 to 2 pm. Meetings are conducted by Zoom one meeting per month, with a hybrid option for the second meeting. The hybrid/in-person meeting is on main UC campus (MLT). Members are asked to undertake 1 review per month. Parking and lunch are provided for the in-person meeting. Membership can be either "full" meaning a commitment to attending 2 meetings per month, or "alternate" meaning a commitment to attending one meeting per month.

Contact: chreb@ucalgary.ca or Stacey Page, chair of CHREB: sapage@ucalgary.ca

ACHRI TRAINEES & POSTDOCS

NATIONAL POSTDOC APPRECIATION WEEK
National Postdoc Appreciation Week takes place **September 18-22, 2023**.

This week is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the excellent postdocs that call Calgary home. Events will span from networking and wellness to professional development and will run on both Main Campus as well as on the Foothills Campus. Make meaningful connections with peers as well as learn valuable skills during the appreciation week.

Full list of events.

**ACHRITA FALL SOCIAL**

ACHRITA's Annual Social Event

Thursday, September 28, 2023
Starts at 5 pm
The Banquet at University District (220 University Ave NW)

Come for FREE FOOD, FREE BOWLING, and more games at The Banquet!

Register by September 20

**JOURNAL CLUB & RIP SEMINARS**

ACHRI Trainees and Postdocs are invited to some ACHRITA educational opportunities:

Journal clubs are engaging platforms where trainees come together to explore and discuss the latest research and developments in the various areas of child and maternal health and development. It's a great opportunity to keep up with cutting-
edge topics, connect with your peers, and foster critical thinking and research collaboration.

For detailed information and to sign up for journal club sessions, please visit our website here.

**Research-In-Progress Seminars** will be resuming in October! These seminars offer trainees the opportunity to share their exciting research updates to a interdisciplinary audience, while developing their presentation skills.

RIP seminars will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 12 - 1 pm starting Tuesday, October 3, 2023. They will rotate between being at the Health Sciences Center and Alberta Children's Hospital.

Interested in presenting? Presentation slots are now open. Add your name and contact details to one of the available slots here. Presenters must be available to present in-person. If the sign-up sheet is full, please add your name to the waitlist.

Questions? Contact ACHRITA@ucalgary.ca or visit webpage.

### TRAINEE REGISTRATION

**ACHRI supervisors**: Please encourage your trainees to register in order to receive the newsletter, updates and access to funding and workshops.

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Department of Pediatrics - Innovation Award**

This award provides funds to support groups engaged in innovative projects related to the provision of clinical care, education or research within the Department of Pediatrics. Teams from all disciplines, focus areas and project types are encouraged to apply. The competition opens each year in the Fall.

**Deadline: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 (Project Outline Due)**

[Details](#)

**Healthy Youth Catalyst Grants**

This catalyst grant aims to help identify and develop emerging research relevant to at least one of the six priority areas of Canada's Youth Policy, foster networking and collaboration, and build capacity for youth engagement in health research. This opportunity is led by IHDCYH in partnership with the CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH), and Indigenous Services Canada – First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (ISC-FNIHB).

**Deadline: Thursday, October 12, 2023 (Registration)**

[Details](#)

**New Frontiers in Research Fund - Transformation 2024**

This program supports large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change.
The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact.

**Deadline: Thursday, October 19, 2023 (NOI)**

**Details**

**EVENTS AND SEMINARS**

**Calgary Adapted Hub Seminar Series: In Memory of Eli Wolff**
**Do it for the Love: Eli’s Legacy Lives On**
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
12 - 1 pm
**Register**

**Neonatal Grand Rounds**
**Pediatric Intestinal Failure: Predicting Enteral Autonomy and Promoting Intestinal Adaptation**
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
4 - 5 pm
Dr. Paul Wales
**Register**

**Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds**
**Understanding and Improving Health Services for Managing Pediatric Obesity**
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
8:30 - 9:30 am
Dr. Geoff Ball
**Register**

**Bioinformatics - Work in Progress Seminar**
**Evolution Directed Association Studies (EDAS) in Neuropsychiatric Disorders**
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
1 - 2 pm
David Enoma (Quan Long lab)
HS Clara Christie Theatre

**Developmental Genetics**
**Research-in-Progress Seminar Series**
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
1 - 2 pm
Dr. Emilio Mendez Olivos (Peng Huang lab)
Victoria Barbosa (Maja Tarailo-Graovac lab)
G500

**Courageous Conversations Speaker Series**
**EDI Trends in the Post-secondary Sector**
Thursday, September 21, 2023
12 - 1:30 pm
Department of Pediatrics Special Research Rounds
If You Want to Go Far, Go Together: Learning Together on the Journey of Patient-Oriented Research with Youth
Thursday, September 21, 2023
9 - 10 am
Conference Room 7

Office of Indigenous Engagement
Treaty 7 Day
Friday, September 22, 2023
12 - 1:30 pm
Dr. Mike Bruised Head (Ninna Piiksii) from the Kainai Nation of the Siksikaitsitapi (Blackfoot Confederacy)
Register

Annual Alberta Clinical Research Consortium Conference
Monday, September 25 - Tuesday, September 25, 2023
Register

Owerko Neurodevelopmental Clinical Rounds
Thinking Dimensionally Raises Doubts about the Usefulness of the ‘Dual Diagnosis’ Construct in Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health
Wednesday, Oct 4, 2023
12 - 1 pm
Dr. John D. McLennan
Virtual or In-Person, Child Development Centre, Main floor Boardroom
Register

Child Health and Wellness Seminar
An Introduction to Venture Capital and the UCeed Health Fund at UCalgary
Monday, October 16, 2023
8:30 - 9:30 am
Dr. Amit Patel, UCeed Health Fund Manager, Innovate Calgary
Register

Children's Healthcare Canada
Flip the Script: High Performing Health Systems for Kids!
Sunday, December 3 - Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Vancouver, BC
Details

For all events visit the ACHRI calendar.