WELCOME BACK TO THE 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

Dear Child Health and Wellness Colleagues,

Thank you for your incredible work during this unprecedented time. We deeply appreciate your tireless commitment to improve outcomes for the children and families we serve.

For those of you new to ACHRI – welcome and thanks for joining!
Besides enjoying a powerhouse community of passionate scholars (AKA the cool kids), benefits of being an ACHRI member include:

- access to research space and leading-edge technologies
- interdisciplinary learning through weekly seminars, monthly special seminars, annual research retreat, workshops and events
- funding opportunities including matching, bridge, startup, and catalyst awards
- trainee funding, networking and skill development
- support for community partnerships, knowledge exchange, and grant development.

Please reach out to learn more about how ACHRI can help catalyze your research – we are here to support you, your goals and your academic career path. We are deeply aware of the huge, pandemic related challenges you will be facing in the coming days, weeks and months. Please see the message from our UCalgary President.
Supports available to all faculty, staff and students:

- **Student Wellness Services**: Access mental health support during campus closures by calling 403-210-9355
- **Staff Wellness**: 403-220-2918. A mental health consultant is available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by phone or email
- For 24/7 mental health support, call **Distress Centre** at 403-266-4357 or **Wood’s Homes Community Support team** at 403-299-9699

Don’t hesitate to reach out to us.

Kindly,

Susa, Benedikt and Quentin - for the ACHRI team

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

**Congratulations to Dr. Keith Yeates** for being elected as a fellow to Royal Society of Canada! Yeates is a world-leading neuropsychologist whose prolific and groundbreaking research focuses on pediatric traumatic brain injury (TBI), a major cause of acquired disability. [Read more](#)

**Congratulations to Dr. Sheri Madigan** for being named a member of the Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists! Madigan's internationally-recognised research program focuses on understanding how early experiences influence children's learning, social behaviour, and mental health. [Read more](#)

UCALGARY FIRST TO LEAD NATIONAL PROGRAM
Congratulations to Dr. Deborah Marshall, PhD, who is leading a team of scholars in the new Health System Impact (HSI) Fellowship National Cohort Training Program. The program provides HSI fellows, alumni fellows, and their supervisors with training, networking and collaboration opportunities to address pressing and complex health system challenges. Read more

CELEBRATE YOUR POSTDOCS

It's Postdoc Appreciation Week – let's celebrate our postdocs – whether it's grabbing a coffee, a quick email to say thanks, or highlighting their excellent work on social media.

ACHRI will celebrate on our social streams. Tag @UofCr4kids on Twitter or Facebook as you celebrate.

Postdocs, we are excited to celebrate you!
View postdoc appreciation events across campus
ACHRI and Owerko will be hosting a Postdoc Appreciation Workshop this fall - details coming soon!

OPTIMIZING COMMUNICATIONS

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 Monday, September 27 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**

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 Grant Development Fund opportunity**.

**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**

**MORE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Substance Use and Addictions Program**
The Minister of Health announced a 2021 national call for proposals for Health Canada’s Substance Use and Addictions Program.

**Deadline: Friday, September 24**
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
ACHRI Postdoctoral Fellowships
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: October 1, 2021, 5 PM for new applications, November 1 for renewals**
Awards Guide
Application Form
Progress Report

ACHRI Trainee Small Grants
Open to trainees of ACHRI members.
Award: up to $3,000
**Deadline: October 15, 2021, 5 PM**
Awards 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: November 5, 2021**
Details
Visit ACHRI website for trainee funding opps

EVENTS AND SEMINARS

Postdoc Appreciation Week
Monday, September 20 - Friday, September 24
View postdoc appreciation events across campus

Paediatric Grand Rounds: Paediatric Cancer Vaccines
Wednesday, September 22
8:30 - 9:30 am
Dr. Aru Narendran
Register

WCHRI Precision Health Research Seminar Series: Medical genetics and the functional interpretation of DNA variants—lessons from cystic fibrosis
Wednesday, September 22
12 - 1 pm
Dr. Garry Cutting
Register

Courageous Conversations: Decolonization, Disciplines, and Indigenous Knowledges in the University
Thursday, September 23
12 - 1:30 pm
Drs. Marie Battiste and Catherine Odora Hoppers
Register
Calgary Health Humanities Symposium: The Stories We Tell Ourselves  
Friday, September 24 - Saturday, September 25  
Dr. Brett Schrewe  
**Register**

Child Health and Wellness Seminar: Pathways to Health Inequalities in Pregnancy and Early Childhood  
Monday, September 27  
8:30 - 9:30 am  
Dr. Maria Ospina  
**Register**

OADR Grant Development Office: Grant Basics: Anatomy of a Grant  
Tuesday, September 28  
10 - 11 am  
**Register**

SHRed Concussions: 2021 Research and Community Engagement (RACE) Symposium: A focus on concussion prevention  
Wednesday, September 29  
Day: 8 am - 4:30 pm; Evening: 6 - 8:15 pm  
**Register**

Gairdner Foundation Lecture Series  
Friday, October 1  
1:30 - 3 pm  
Drs. Daniel Drucker and Jens Holst  
**Register**

Child Health and Wellness Seminar: Congenital Melanocytic Nevi: A System to Study Developmentally Regulated Oncogenic Pathways  
Monday, October 4  
8:30 - 9:30 am  
Dr. Aru Narendran  
**Register**

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**

Raising Canada Report 2021  
Wednesday, October 6  
1 - 2 pm ET  
**Details**

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

**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 come

**Canada's National Health Humanities Conference: Creating Space 12**
Friday, April 22, 2022 - Saturday, April 23, 2022
Details to come

For all events visit the [ACHRI calendar](https://research4kids.ucalgary.ca)

**SEND US YOUR NEWS!**

We love to hear your news - please send discoveries, research publications, and grants to r4k@ucalgary.ca

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