WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  September 21, 2020

GRANT SUCCESS

Research excellence in child health and wellness!
Thank you to all the applicants in the latest round of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Project Grants. This was a very competitive round during the challenging, unprecedented era of COVID-19. Thank you everyone for your hard work. ACHRI investigators received 12 of the 26 grants awarded at the University of Calgary, a reflection of the tremendous depth and breadth of our diverse community of child health and wellness researchers. We will highlight specific projects in future newsletters. Congratulations!

COVID-19 RETURN TO CAMPUS

- Key resources:  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
- For latest updates, follow COVID-19 Return to Campus
- For AHS Parking update Visit here
- Questions? Email covid19comms@ucalgary.ca

POSTDOC APPRECIATION WEEK

UCalgary workshops and opps
• Sign up to attend the Unconscious Bias Workshop, September 25, 10 am - noon. Dr. William Yimbo, PhD, will share different forms of unconscious bias and ways to foster more inclusive environments. Register

• Enter the Postdoc Research Slam. Submit abstracts between Sept. 21 and Oct. 2. Learn more

Details coming soon for ACHRI's Postdoc Appreciation Event 2020.

PUBLICATIONS and REPORTS

The trigger for hypertension in pregnancies
Matthew Shay, a PhD student, and Dr. Anna MacKinnon, a CSM-ACHRI postdoctoral scholar, analyzed more than 61 million pregnancies in a meta-analysis of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy (HDP). The review, published by Cambridge University Press, found that depression and anxiety are strongly associated with HDP suggesting a need for care in clinics serving these moms. Shay and MacKinnon are supported by ACHRI Graduate and Postgraduate Scholarships and are supervised by Drs. Lianne Tomfohr-Madsen and Suzanne Tough, PhD.

Raising Canada 2020: Ringing the alarm for Canada's children
ACHRI, Children First Canada and the O'Brien Institute released the Raising Canada 2020 report on Sept. 1. Authored by Dr. Brent Hagel, PhD, and Dr. Candice Lind, PhD, it outlines the top 10 threats to the wellbeing of Canadian children and how COVID-19 has impacted children and families. Join Dr. Susa Benseler, MD, PhD, and a panel of experts on October 6 to discuss the findings and how you can take action. Register
Read UToday story | Read the report

NEW COLLABORATION IN CHILD HEALTH
A new Canada-wide collaboration funded by the CIHR, CHEER will improve child health across Canada by developing an ethics review process for efficient multi-site child health studies. Co-led by the Maternal Infant Child and Youth Research Network (MICYRN), CHEER will help maintain Canada's position as a global leader in children's health. Visit website.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Barb Ibbotson Chair in Pediatric Hematology**
CSM and ACHRI invite internal applicants with a research interest in pediatric hematology and immunology to serve as the Barb Ibbotson Chair in Pediatric Hematology. Application deadline: September 30. [Details here.](#)

**CIHR Project Grant update**
- **NEW Extended** application deadline - Oct.15
- RSO internal deadline - Oct.13
  Competition [details](#)

**SSHRC Fall Insight Grant**
- RSO Internal deadline - Sept. 29
  Competition [details](#)

**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.
- Deadline: 4 per year
- First deadline: November 16
  Details [here.](#)

  Additional funding opportunities detailed [here.](#)

IN THE NEWS

Caregivers of young children need a different kind of mask.
Dr. Nicole Letouneau, PhD and Mandakini Jain, MSc.
[Ottawa Life Magazine](#)
Marijuana and pregnancy: There is no evidence that exposure is safe.
Drs. Catherine Lebel, PhD, Carly McMorris, PhD, Kathleen Chaput, PhD.
The Conversation

Pandemic puts health on the agenda at schools.
Dr. Shelly Russell-Mayhew, PhD
UToday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Child Health and Wellness Seminars
Dr. Doug Mahoney, PhD, University of Calgary
Sept. 28, 8:30 – 9:30 am
Immunotherapy of Pediatric Cancer
Information and registration
For upcoming CHW Seminars, visit the CHW calendar.

Owerko Neurodevelopmental Rounds
Dr. Jennifer Zwicker, PhD, University of Calgary
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

Alberta Pregnancy Outcomes and Nutrition (APrON)
10th Celebration
October 29 & 30
This event features cutting-edge discoveries in maternal-child health, including nutrition, mental health, child development, neurotoxin exposure, genetics, epigenetics and the microbiome.
For speakers and registration visit here.

ACHRI Research Retreat
Virtual event Nov. 30
Mark your calendar! More details to come.
CANADIAN CHILD HEALTH CLINICIAN SCIENTIST PROGRAM (CCHCSP)

Certificate Eligible Sessions
Tuesday, September 22
Making your cocktail pitch sizzle!
Karen Thomas, MA and Selina Allu, MA
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

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