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INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS VOICES IN SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE

The [7th International Indigenous Voices in Social Work Conference](#) from August 11 to 15 welcomed over 400 local, national and international delegates to UCalgary. Hosted by One Child Every Child, the Office of Indigenous Engagement and the Faculty of Social Work, attendees walked parallel paths and a shared ethical space to advance the well-being of children, future generations and communities.

Highlights:

- Morning Pipe Ceremonies

- Nation Acknowledgement
- Gala Showcase with Indigenous Performers
- Keynote and Plenary Presentations by Drs. Kathy Abolson, Halaevalu Vakalahi, Hilary Weaver and Elder Reg Crowshoe
- Addresses by Mayor Jyoti Gondek, and Drs. Bill Ghali, David Nicholas, Michael Hart and Francois Bernier
- Over 80 parallel sessions, presentations and workshops, and 10 local vendors

Sending a heartfelt thanks to our academic sponsors, partners, organizing committee and staff, and to all those who attended!

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CRDN AWARENESS DAYS CALENDAR



The Canadian Rare Disease Network has launched the Rare Disease Awareness Days Calendar. This resource brings together key national and international awareness days, weeks, and months related to rare diseases and associated causes. It's a helpful tool for anyone planning advocacy campaigns, events, or education efforts throughout the year.

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EVENTS

Reconciliation Walk

Sunday, September 21: 9:45 - 3:30 pm, South Glenmore Park

Roughly 16 km walk, followed by lunch and speeches.

[Register](#)

Indigenous Accelerator Book Club

September and October we are reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Email sulyn.bodnaresko1@ucalgary.ca to pick up a free copy of the book

WCHRI Research Day

Wednesday, October 22

Abstract Submissions Deadline: Wednesday, September 10 at 4 pm

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NEW MEMBER



Join us in welcoming **Dr. Augusto Andrade** to the *Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Program*. Dr. Andrade is a cancer biologist specializing in pediatric neuro-oncology. His work contributes to understanding how the interplay between chromatin state and immune cells shapes tumor progression and therapeutic response.

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UCALGARY NEWS

- **Study assesses genetic testing to optimize mental health interventions in children**, Dr. Paul Arnold
- **UCalgary led research helps kids with acute gastroenteritis recover at home**, Dr. Stephen Freedman
- **UCalgary biomaterial research lab a shining example of transdisciplinary research**, Drs. Maryam Badv & Paul Fedak
- **UCalgary engineering students create neuromonitoring device for children on life-support**, Dr. Adam Kirton
- **UCalgary receives \$2.5M grant to improve navigation of support systems for multiple neurodivergent communities**, Dr. David Nicholas
- **UCalgary researchers receive Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships to advance health research**, Dr. Marissa Nivison supervised by Dr. Sheri Madigan
- **Three UCalgary scholars named Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences**, Drs. Mary Brindle & Valerie Taylor

PUBLICATIONS

- **Impact of age-related changes in buccal epithelial cells on pediatric epigenetic biomarker research**, Drs. Nicole Letourneau, Gerald F. Giesbrecht, Deborah Dewey and Gillian England-Mason

RESEARCHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Telling Your Research Story: Drafting Your Tri-Agency CV

Webinar: Wednesday, August 27: 11 am - 12 pm

Questions? Email knowledge.impact@ucalgary.ca

Brain Canada: Platform Support Grants (PSG)

Full application: September 18, 2025 at 17:00 EST

Questions? Email platformgrant@braincanada.ca

Kids Health Network: Innovation and Implementation Programs

Full application: October 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm PT

Info Session: Innovation and Implementation Programs

RUN4RESEARCH TEAM



Join or support ACHRI's Run4Research Team!

Our team has signed up for the RBC Race for the Kids to raise funds that will help experts ensure these kids get the help they need to set them up for a thriving future. Whether you're a seasoned runner, a casual walker or simply someone who believes in the power of research to create a healthier future for children, there's a place for you on our team.

You can make a [donation or register](#) with the ACHRI team and support important programs for children and youth through the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation.

We'll see you and your families there!

TRAINEES & POSTDOCS

New ACHRI Child Health Experiential Learning Opportunities (CHELO) Program

The ACHRI CHELO program is designed to provide graduate students with immersive and transformative experiences in child health. It engages them in practical experiences across a variety of learning environments to help them develop transdisciplinary professional competencies. These internships address real-world challenges faced by local communities, allowing for meaningful positive contributions at the community level.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, August 26 at 4 pm

Questions? Email achri.training@ucalgary.ca

Learn more

TRAINEE CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARDS

These ACHRI travel awards are available to graduate or postdoctoral trainees presenting their research at a conference.

Deadline: September 5, 2025, at 10 am

Award Amount: \$500

Award Guidelines

Apply

For details on ACHRI and OCEC trainee awards, please visit our [Trainee Funding page](#).

Questions? Email achri.training@ucalgary.ca

ACHRI/OCEC supervisors: Please encourage your trainees to [register](#) to receive the newsletter, updates and access to funding and workshops.

EVENTS AND SEMINARS

UCalgary's Pride Flag Raising Ceremony

Monday, August 25: 12 - 1 pm

Roza Flags (south entrance of campus at University Dr. and 24th Ave NW)

[Register](#)

2025 ACHRI Transdisciplinary Child & Maternal Health Trainee Research Day For Summer Students, Trainees & Postdocs

Tuesday, August 26, 2025: 8 am - 6 pm

Clara Christie Theatre, Azrieli Atrium and Theatre 4, Foothills Campus

Registration is closed but feel free to attend poster session and presentations

[Program](#)

Developing Compelling Impact Narratives: ISIRC 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop

Tuesday, September 2: 1 - 4:30 pm

MacKimmie Tower

[Register](#)

Community and Research Engagement (CARE) Symposium

Athlete Health, Safety, and Injury Prevention: A focus on girls

Monday, September 22: 3 - 8 pm

Rozsa Centre, UCalgary

[Register](#)

2025 Alberta Innovative Trials and Health Research Methods Symposium

Bringing Evidence Into Practice

October 24 - 26

Canmore, Alberta

Wednesday, October 15: 8:15 am - 5:30 pm

Red & White Club, \$10 per person

[Register](#)

Gairdner Winners' Tour

Meet with Dr. Gelareh Zadeh as part of the

Gairdner winners' tour to a few select Canadian institutions

Monday, October 20: Group A: 9 - 9:45 am; Group B: 10 - 10:45 am

Email ccpoon@ucalgary.ca to reserve your spot

26th Annual Alberta Biomedical Engineering Conference

October 24 - 26

Canmore, Alberta

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2025 ACHRI Research Symposium

Thursday, November 20 & Friday, November 21

MacEwan Hall, UCalgary

This in-person event will focus on our collaborative work on child health and wellness research priorities. More details to come.



ACHF Candy Cane Gala

Candy Cane Gala tickets are on sale now! Kick off your holiday season at this year's gala, where you'll experience a variety of mouth-watering food stations with delicious selections to choose from as well as entertainment and activities to amuse and inspire everyone from toddlers to grandparents!

Friday, November 28: 6 pm - 10:30 pm

BMO Centre, Stampede Park

[Buy tickets](#)

For all events visit the [ACHRI calendar](#).

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