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Dear Child Health and Wellness Research community,

As we near the end of 2025, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for the meaningful impact of your work across research, education, and care. Your incredible commitment to placing children, families, and communities at the heart of all you do is truly inspiring.

A sincere thank you to our trainees, research staff, and collaborators across campus, at ACH and AHS, and throughout the community. Your dedication and contributions are essential to improving the lives of children, families, and communities locally and around the globe.

Wishing you a warm and restful break—we're excited for all that we will accomplish together in 2026!

From the ACHRI and One Child Every Child teams

**one child every child**

#### One Child Every Child Trainee Award Recipients Announced

Nine graduate and six postdoctoral awards are supporting a new generation of child health and wellness researchers. [Learn more](#)

- **Read Rachel De Barros' Story:** Postdoctoral scholar explores biological impact of parenting program
- **Read Sam Siu's Story:** UCalgary study aims to use genetic testing to predict response to ADHD medication

- **Read Carlie Unrau's Story:** Master's student investigates well-being of children with ADHD

## EVENTS

### **OCEC Reading Circle: Braiding Sweetgrass (Book)**

Thursday, December 18: 3:00 - 4:00 pm, HRMB 293A & Zoom

[Register](#)

### **OCEC Reading Circle: Embers (Book)**

Tuesday, January 13: 3:00 - 4:00 pm, HRMB 293A & Zoom

[Register](#)

### **OCEC Video Discussion: Story of ii'taa'poh'to'**

Thursday, January 22: 3:00 - 4:30 pm, HRMB 293 & Zoom

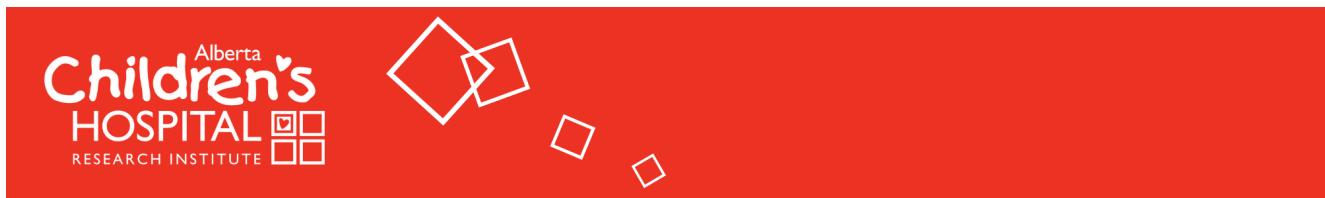
[Register](#)

### **Indigenous Research Workshop with Keeta Gladue**

Monday, February 2: 9:30 am - 11:30 am, Zoom

[Register](#)

[View full event calendar](#)



## NEW ACHRI LINKEDIN PAGE

This new channel will spotlight our researchers, share awards and publications, highlight trainee achievements, and showcase the impact of child health research across our institute. We invite you to take a look and stay connected with the stories and successes coming out of our community. Visit page

## RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM RECAP



Over 360 people attended the **2025 ACHRI Research Symposium: The Future of Child and Maternal Health Research: ACHRI 2030 and Beyond** on November 20 & 21 in MacEwan Hall. The eleven rapid talks, 61 poster presentations, two keynote speakers and seven interactive workshops and roundtables on future-focused topics inspired our collective mandate for the next decade of discovery and impact. Thanks to all who attended!

## NEW MEMBERS



Sending a warm welcome to:

- **Dr. Alexander McGirr** who is part of the Child Brain and Mental Health Program. [View profile](#)
- **Dr. Elisa Maioqui Fonseca** who is joining the Child Brain and Mental Health Program. [View profile](#)
- **Dr. Nikhil Raghuram** who joins the Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Program. [View profile](#)

## AWARDS



Congratulations to **Dr. Laurie Lee**, who was honoured with the UCalgary 2025 Chancellor's Graduate Medal. Throughout her PhD studies, Lee worked clinically as a nurse practitioner in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and served as director of the PICU research program at Alberta Children's Hospital, overseeing more than 40 studies and securing national and international funding.

[Read more](#)

## NEWS

- **No more guesswork: Proven treatment for vomiting from childhood gastroenteritis**, Dr. Stephen Freedman
- **UCalgary researcher named new Cross Canada Chair in Compassionate Care**, Dr. Shane Sinclair
- **'We cannot cheat death': Young Ontarians with cancer far more likely to receive intense end-of-life care, study finds**, Dr. Perri Tutelman
- **Study of powerful brain signalling sensors wins \$1-million Hopewell M.I.N.D. Prize**, Dr. Jiami Guo
- **New guidelines for treating migraines in emergency departments**, Dr. Serena Orr

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Depressive and generalized anxiety symptoms among adolescent pregnant women attending antenatal clinics in Mwanza Tanzania**, Drs. Deborah Dewey & Scott Patten

## RESEARCHER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Prairie Action Foundation Community, Action, Research and Education (CARE) Grants**

RSO Final internal Review Deadline: December 21, 2026 at 12:00 pm

### **Medical Council of Canada 2026 Research in Clinical Assessment Grant**

RSO Internal Deadline for Full Application: January 27, 2026 at 12:00 pm

### **Operating Grant: Advancing 2S/LGBTQI+ Health Through Research (2026)**

Registration due via CIHR ResearchNet: February 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm

### **Team Grant: Beyond Treatment – Advancing Cancer Survivorship (2026)**

Registration due via CIHR ResearchNet: February 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm

### **Team Grant: Healthy Youth (2025)**

Registration due via CIHR ResearchNet: April 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm

## OWERKO CENTRE GRANTS



Owerko Members: Applications are open for the 2026 Owerko Centre Small Equipment Grants. Up to \$50,000 is available to Owerko members for the purchase of essential new equipment or the replacement of equipment to support research activities.

**Deadline to apply: Tuesday, January 12, 2026 at 11:59 pm**

[Learn more](#)

**The following grants are now open to Owerko Centre member trainees and postdoctoral scholars:**

- Owerko Centre Training and Education Grant – three awards up to \$5,000 each
- Owerko Centre Trainee and Community Partnership Grant – one award up to \$5,000
- Owerko Centre Pathways to Independence Grant – four awards up to \$25,000

Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026 at 11:59 pm

[View Details](#)

## TRAINEES & POSTDOCS

### Child Health Experiential Learning Opportunities (CHELO)

Calling all ACHRI grad students! Want to have practical experience across a variety of learning environments to help develop your transdisciplinary professional competencies?

What's included:

- Professional Development Course - Winter 2026
- Experiential Learning Component (Internship) - Spring/Summer 2026

\$5,000 award for successful completion

[Apply by January 9, 2026 at 10:00 am](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### **2026 Amplitude Fellowship**

Application Deadline: Saturday, January 31, 2026

[Learn more](#)

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

Questions? Email [achri.training@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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

### **ACHRI and Advanced Medical Imaging Special Seminar**

#### ***Your Brain Under Stress***

Dr. Nikolai Malykhin

Tuesday, December 16: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

HSC G500

### **Alberta SPOR Support Unit's Patient Engagement Team's**

#### **virtual Patient Engagement Journal Club**

#### ***Best Practices Guidelines for the Engagement of People***

#### ***With Lived Experience and Family Members***

#### ***in Mental Health and Substance Use Health Research:***

#### ***A Modified Delphi Consensus Study***

Wednesday, December 17: 10:00 - 11:00 am

[Register](#)

### **Indigenous Research Implementation Plan - Virtual Session**

Thursday, January 22: 10:00 - 11:30 am

[Register](#)

### **Darwish Symposium**

Special Guest: Dr. Laurent Servais

Tuesday, February 17, 2026: 8:00 AM - 5:00 pm

Kinsmen Learning Centre Auditorium, Alberta Children's Hospital

[Register](#)

### **Using Discrete Choice Experiments in Health and Care Workshop**

February 24 - February 26, 2026

Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff, AB

[Register by January 12, 2026](#)

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

## **HAVE A COMMUNICATION NEED OR EVENT REQUEST?**

Whether you're looking to get your research findings into the media or planning an event and unsure where to start, the ACHRI/OCEC Communications Team is here to help. We want to hear from you—whether you're sharing good news (like being published or receiving a grant), have interesting research you'd like to highlight, or simply need creative help to promote your event. We can assist with all of this and more.

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**WANT TO SHARE AN IMPACTFUL STORY OR PUBLICATION?**

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