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## OCEC INDIGENOUS AWARDS RECAP

OCEC's Indigenous Accelerator had an impressive number of applicants for the OCEC Indigenous Undergraduate Award 2025-2026, with more than 249 people applying in just one month. The number of applicants suggests a need and desire for post-secondary supports. Twenty students from biology, Indigenous studies, education, nursing and other faculties were sent acceptance letters.

## PATCH PROGRAM LAUNCHES

The Platform Advancements in Technology for Child Health (PATCH) Program—a 3-year Technology Solution Accelerator initiative under One Child Every Child—launched this month, bringing together five outstanding principal investigators leading innovations in pediatric and maternal health. Led by **Drs. Michael Kallos and Adam Kirton**, the OCEC Technology Solution Accelerator connects researchers, clinicians and industry partners to co-develop scalable, real-world solutions that advance child and maternal health.

The cohort includes: **Drs. Junho Park, Mariana Pinheiro Bento, Richa Pandey, Serena Orr and Eli Kinney-Lang**. These projects reflect PATCH's mission to accelerate technology innovation that transforms pediatric and maternal health through collaboration, translation, and real-world impact.

## CRDN PUBLICATION



The Canadian Rare Disease Network (CRDN) has been featured in an article highlighting its mission to bridge care, research and lived experience to transform the rare disease journey in Canada. The piece explores how CRDN is connecting national expertise, expanding access to diagnosis and fostering collaboration across health systems to better support the more than three million Canadians affected by rare diseases. **[Read publication](#)**

## INDIGENOUS ACCELERATOR EVENTS

### **Ethical Space Reading Circle**

Friday, November 14: 9:00 - 10:00 am, HRMB 293A & Zoom

[Read Article](#) & [Register](#)

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

Monday, November 24: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, In person, Room TBA, Foothills Campus

[Register](#)

### **Indigenous Strengths-Based Approaches Reading Circle**

Monday, December 1: 9:00 - 10:00 am, HRMB 293 & Zoom

[Read Article](#) & [Register](#)

[View full event calendar](#)



## ACHRI RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM



## The Future of Child and Maternal Health Research: ACHRI 2030 and Beyond

Join us for keynote speakers, poster and oral presentations by ACHRI trainees and postdocs, and interactive workshops on future-focused topics.

Thursday, November 20, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday, November 21, 8:30 - 1:30 pm

MacEwan Hall, UCalgary

[View Program](#)

[Register to attend by November 9 at 12:00 pm](#)

Trainees and postdocs: [Please submit abstracts by November 1 at 12:00 pm](#)



### NEW MEMBER



Extending a warm welcome to **Zoe Portelance** who joins the *Care Transformation for Children Program*. Portelance is a Registered Nurse and a Pediatric Research Coordinator. Her current area of focus is coordinating all aspects of pediatric clinical trials at the Alberta Children's Hospital. She is exploring the mindset of families during ICU admissions, and trying to understand how consent could best be approached in these high acuity environments.

[View profile](#)

### AWARD



Congratulations to **Dr. Bukola Salami** who has received the *2025 Vic Neufeld Award for Mentorship in Global Health!* Granted by the Canadian Association for Global Health, this award recognizes the outstanding commitment and guidance Dr. Salami has provided to global health students and early-career professionals.

### NEWS



## A New Era in Personalized Mental Health Treatment for Kids

A groundbreaking new study led by **Dr. Chad Bousman** will offer free pharmacogenetic (PGx) testing to 1,000 Alberta youth.

[Read story](#)

[Watch video](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences Predict Treatment Drop Out in Adolescents and Young Adults With Eating Disorders**, Ds. David Lindenbach and Gina Dimitropoulos
- **Seeing the Invisible Resiliency (STIR): Chronic Autoimmune Conditions and Post-Secondary Education Experiences in Young Adulthood**, Dr. Deborah Marshall

## RESEARCHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Ataxia Canada Research Opportunities

Themes: Adaptation / Rehabilitation / Clinical Research

[Learn more](#)

### 2026 SSHRC Partnership Grant

Internal Notice of Intent Deadline: Monday, November 10 at 9:00 am

[Learn more](#)

## Contribute to Rare Disease Network

RareKids-CAN is a network focused on simplifying and speeding up clinical trials and access to innovative treatments for pediatric rare diseases across Canada. You're invited to attend focus groups and interviews to learn about your information needs on clinical trials for kids with rare diseases: where you find information, what topics interest you, and what challenges you face. Your input will help the network with resources benefiting the rare disease community.

Interested? Email [mateja.carevic@umanitoba.ca](mailto:mateja.carevic@umanitoba.ca)

## NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING TEAM OR COLLEAGUE

Do you know an exceptional colleague or team from the Cumming School of Medicine who goes above and beyond every day?

Whether they demonstrate outstanding Operational Excellence or provide incredible Service to People and Partners, now is your chance to recognize their dedication.

Open to: All CSM UCalgary AUPE and MaPS staff

**Nominations Deadline: October 31, 2025**

[Visit website](#)

## The Cuthbertson and Fischer Chair in Pediatric Mental Health

CSM is inviting internal applications for The Cuthbertson and Fischer Chair in Pediatric Mental Health. The position seeks an individual to provide leadership of a pediatric/child and youth mental health program. The Chair is made possible through an endowment at the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and funding from UCalgary.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply to [medendow@ucalgary.ca](mailto:medendow@ucalgary.ca) by November 24.

## TRAINEES & POSTDOCS

### ACT YOUR SCIENCE COURSE

Calling graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and researchers! Enhance your verbal science communication skills through the upcoming Act Your Science!

Join the Science Communication team led by Dr. Jeff Dunn, with support from CSM and HBI REALISE, and in collaboration with the Loose Moose Theatre for an engaging training experience. The Verbal Science Communication Badge will equip you with valuable science communication skills using renowned acting and improvisation techniques.

The course begins on Wednesday, November 5th, and will be held every Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for 6 weeks until December 10th, 2025.

[Learn more](#)

## ACHRITA RESEARCH IN PROGRESS SEMINARS

Held on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Attend in person (TBA) or via Zoom.

Interested in presenting? Presentation slots until June are open. [Signup](#)

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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

### Advances in Cerebral Palsy Research Panel

Wednesday, October 22: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Clara Christie Theatre, Foothills Campus

Drs. Scott McLeod, Adam Kirton and Elizabeth Condliffe

[Register](#)

**26th Annual Alberta Biomedical Engineering Conference**

October 24 - 26

Canmore, Alberta

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**APrON: Building a Collaborator Pipeline Symposium and Workshop**

Tuesday, October 28: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, Hybrid. [Register](#)

Wednesday, October 29: Online. You will get an email once you register for Day 1.

**O'Brien Institute for Public Health**

**Sex, Gender and Women's Health Research Hub**

*Women's health is public health:*

*Advancing reproductive health as a public health imperative*

Wednesday, October 29: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Red & White Club, 1833 Crowchild Trail NW, Calgary

[Register](#)

**The Alberta SPOR Support Unit's Patient Engagement Team's  
virtual Patient Engagement Journal Club**

*Family-centered service through the eyes of insiders:*

*Healthcare providers who are parents speak about  
receiving and providing healthcare in child health*

Wednesday, October 29: 10:00 - 11:00 am

[Register](#)

**Child Health and Wellness Seminar**

*Design-based Transdisciplinary Research on Digital Accessibility*

Monday, November 3 : 8:30 - 9:30 am

[Register](#)

**Owerko Family Distinguished Lecture**

*Child Development and the Science of Change*

Tuesday, November 4: 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Theatre 4, Health Sciences Centre & Azrieli Atrium

[Register](#)

**Wood Forum 2025**

*Strength in Science: Exercise for Bone and Joint Health*

Saturday, November 8: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

MacEwan Hall or Zoom

[Register](#)



### **ACHF Candy Cane Gala**

Ring in the holiday season at Candy Cane Gala — a family-friendly, black-tie event filled with delicious food, activities, entertainment and inspiration for everyone from toddlers to teenagers and the young to the young-at-heart.

Inspired by the golden age of train travel, this event is a great way to kick off the holiday season with family, friends or colleagues. Funds raised at Candy Cane Gala support the highest priority needs of the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute.

**Friday, November 28: 6:00 - 10:30 pm**  
**BMO Centre, Stampede Park**

**Buy tickets**

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For all events, visit the **ACHRI calendar**.

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