



Weekly Newsletter

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INSTITUTE



University commits support for Child Health and Wellness Initiative

The Child Health and Wellness initiative was one of the teams selected to receive an injection of funding to develop a program that will be considered to become a new cross-cutting research priority aimed at tackling significant global challenges. "Our objective is to develop and implement a transformative partnership and framework that will empower interdisciplinary research teams to address child health challenges at all scales. We are beyond thrilled and grateful for the institutional support for the Child Health and Wellness initiative," says Dr. Susa Benseler. [Read](#)

Collaborative vision for research

Dr. David Park, Director of the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, gave an overview presentation describing partnerships and cross-disciplinary research program potential between HBI and ACHRI at the Feb. 25 Developmental Neurosciences Grand Rounds. In describing his vision for research, Dr. Park emphasized the many shared areas between the two institutes (e.g. concussion, mental health, neurodevelopment, epilepsy, imaging) that can be sustained and further developed as both institutes move forward with the development of their own research strategies. We extend our thank you to Dr. Park for sharing his vision with ACHRI.



IN THE NEWS

Dr. Lebel's outreach a big hit with kids

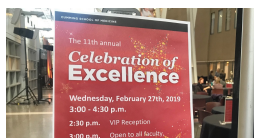
Children who participate in **Dr. Catherine Lebel's** MRI study get a 3D model of their brain as a gesture of appreciation. **Olivia Mueller** (photo) recently received her gift which she thinks is very cool. 4G Vision Tech, a Calgary company, has been able to create the models with direction from the research team. The 3-Tesla MRI was funded through the generous support of community donations through the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. Dr. Lebel's team is interested in how brain maturation is related to cognition and behaviour, and how these relationships may be different in children that are exposed to adversity. [Read](#)



RECOGNITION

ACHRI members recognized at celebration

Congratulations to our ACHRI members recognized on Feb. 27 at the Cumming School of Medicine's annual Celebration of Excellence. The Awards and Recognition Committee was



established in 2008 and has the principal mandate of identifying and co-ordinating the nomination of individuals for external awards, and, of course celebrating their success.

- Adam Kirton - College of New Scholars and Scientists, Royal Society of Canada
- Benedikt Hallgrimson - Fellowship, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Melanie Noel - John Liebeskind Early Career Scholar Award
- Tamara Pringsheim - Richard Stein Memorial Award
- David Johnson - Career Research Award, Canadian Pediatric Society
- Stephanie Borgland - Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology
- Vince Grant - Certificate of Merit, Canadian Association of Medical Education
- Jennifer Brenner and Nalini Singhal - Canadian Women in Global Health
- Tuan Trang - Young Investigator Award, International Narcotics Research Conference
- Amy Metcalfe - Calgary Top 40 Under 40
- Naweed Syed - Inspirational Award, MD International

ACHRI 10th ANNIVERSARY



This week on our **ACHRI 10th anniversary celebration** series, we showcase the outstanding child health research of clinician scientists **Dr. Micheil Innes**, professor in the Department of Medical Genetics and **Dr. Stephen Freedman**, professor in the Department of Pediatrics. By finding the rare gene or rare bacteria responsible for chronic or critical illness, they are changing the way we think about care. We celebrate their achievements in this **VIDEO**. You are welcome to share on social media.

TRAINEE UPDATE

Trainee workshops::

HBI REALISE Module: Writing Bias: March 19, 2019, 1 - 3 PM, HSC G801E.

The session will cover topics such as writing of grant/fellowship/scholarship applications as well as letters of support or recommendation.

Presented by Jenna Slobozian. Register for this workshop [here](#).



For more information visit [ACHRI Trainee Weekly Bulletin](#)

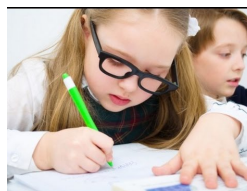
GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

CIHR - Operating Grant : Early Career Investigator Grants in Maternal, Reproductive, Child & Youth

Registration: April 2, 2019

RSO Internal Deadline May 9, 2019 at noon

Contact: Anna LeMarquand



SickKids Foundation New Investigator Research Grants Guidelines

RSO Internal Deadline: April 17, 2019 at noon

Contact: Katie Ryan

For more information on these opportunities and others, visit our web site [Child Health Research Funding](#)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS and LECTURES

Conferences and Workshops

March 6

Southern Alberta Scientific Equipment Trade Show

Location HRIC Atrium, Foothills Campus 9am-2pm

March 15

Methods for Change: Knowledge Co-Creation Across Disciplines and Sectors

Register (free event sponsored by SSHRC)

April 23-26

Childhood Arthritis & Beyond Meeting

Lessons learned in childhood arthritis and the future of research

Location: Chateau Lake Louise

May 29

Child Health Research Symposium

Speaker: Dr. Janet Rossant, PhD, FRS, FRSC

Location: Theatre Four, HSC Foothills Campus

May 30

ACH Quality Forum

Deadline for abstracts March 15

contact ach.qualitycouncil@ahs.ca

Location: ACH 4th floor Amphitheatre 8am-2:30pm

June 5

Owerko Centre Conference

Speakers: Dr. Yona Lunksy, PhD and Dr. Russell Schachar, MD

Location: Theatre Four, HSC Foothills Campus

Lectures

March 5 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm Child Health Research Rounds

Title: Precision Medicine for Improving the Diagnosis
and Management of Pediatric Appendicitis

Speaker Dr. Graham Thompson

Location: ACH Conference Room 3

March 6, 2019 | 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Owerko Neurodevelopmental Rounds

Title Facing your fears: Effectiveness of a CBT program for children and youth with ASD and anxiety

Speaker Dr. Carly McMorris, Dr. Alice Prichard and Dr. Jerilyn Ninowski

Location: Ability Hub, Sinneave Foundation, 3rd floor, Child Development Centre

March 11 | 8:30 am to 9:30 am Developmental Neurosciences Grand Rounds

Title: From theoretical pathways to functional roadways: Avenues for understanding reading ability and disability

Speaker Dr. Jacqueline Cummine, PhD

Location: ACH 4th floor Amphitheatre

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