CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Calgary Health Trust (CHT) Newborn Maternal Health Research Initiative is seeking to support a single Team Grant led by full-time faculty members based at the University of Calgary, ultimately aimed at reducing the rate of preterm births in the Calgary Zone. The Trust has committed up to $1 million/year for 5 years in support of this initiative, which will have a transformative impact on improving the health of Albertans and their families, delivering world-class health care in Alberta and enhancing the quality of life for our community. Details on call for proposals

Grant summary deadline: September 1, 2019
Full submission deadline: December 12, 2019

ACHRI RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

SAVE THE DATE for the ACHRI Research Symposium
Thursday, December 12 & Friday, December 13

We are inviting all members and trainees to the Banff Centre for the inaugural ACHRI Research Symposium. It is designed to bring ACHRI researchers together, spark collaboration, and showcase global leaders in child health. The Symposium will feature keynote speakers, trainee talks, and poster sessions. Please hold this date in your calendar as registration will open shortly. Program overview

CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR)

The results of the March 2019 competition will be announced on July 10 and the Grant Development Office in the Office of the Associate Dean Research (OADR) is hard at work preparing for the Fall 2019 competition. Please register and attend these seminars to help prepare your application.

- New Investigators | July 8 - 1pm Health Sciences Centre (HSC) G382 Register
- Debrief of March Results | July 12 - 1pm HSC 1405A Register
- CIHR Project Grant Fall | July 18 - Noon HSC G500 Register

CIHR Newsletter

As the Government of Canada’s health research investment agency, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) supports excellence across all four pillars of health research: biomedical; clinical; health systems services; and population health. We are pleased to share with you the summer CIHR
National Institutes of Health award
Dr. Stephen Freedman, MD has been awarded a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Trial Planning Grant for $222,699. The funds are to prepare for a multinational clinical trial that will evaluate a therapy for STEC infected children with the goal of preventing the need for dialysis and other adverse outcomes. The grant is titled "Volume Expansion in Children with Shiga Toxin-Producing E. coli Infection to Prevent or Mitigate Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome: Planning a Multinational Randomized Clinical Trial".

Dr. Benedikt Hallgrimsson re-appointed
The Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) is pleased to announce the re-appointment of Dr. Benedikt Hallgrimsson, PhD, as department head, Cell Biology and Anatomy. Hallgrimsson is an internationally-recognized biological anthropologist and evolutionary biologist. His groundbreaking research combines developmental genetics and bioinformatics with 3D imaging and morphometrics (the quantitative analysis of form). His study of phenotypic variation is helping us to better understand the earliest building blocks of life and the development of people, animals and organisms.

Appointment as Patient Engagement Lead
The Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit (AbSPORU) is pleased to announce Dr. Maria Santana, MD as the new Lead for the Patient Engagement Platform. As a patient and family-centred care scientist, Santana engages users of the healthcare system in research to improve patient-centred care. She developed a network of collaborations and fostered relationships nationally and internationally, moving research beyond the walls of academia to collaborate at multiple levels in the Canadian health system. Along with the other AbSPORU Platform Leads, Santana will continue to build capacity in patient engagement that increases the quantity and quality of patient-oriented research.

ACHRI's Summer Student Research Day is FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
Calling all summer students! We are excited to present the Summer Student Research Day, open to all students supervised by an ACHRI member. This day gives participants opportunities to share their research, network, and enjoy keynote addresses from a senior investigator and exceptional trainees. We expect more than 150 participants, so please register early. For information on all the trainee opportunities, please visit the training post.

ACHRI SUMMER STUDENT WORKSHOPS
ACHRI Education Director Dr. Alberto Nettel-Aguirre, PhD provided an informative session to summer students on June 27 about presenting complex data through charts and graphs. Our thanks go out to Dr. Nettel-Aguirre and to Chidera Nwaroh, MSc for her session on how to give an engaging talk. The sessions are part of the Owerko and ACHRI Summer Student Workshop series. All registrants will receive the presentation slides via email. This series is open to all summer students supervised by an ACHRI mentor. Spots are limited. Register here.
WELCOME NEW ACHRI MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to our new members. We look forward to profiling your labs and research in upcoming newsletters!

Dr. Nils Forkert joins our institute as a member of the Behaviour and Developing Brain Theme. Dr. Forkert investigates how to develop and evaluate new image processing methods, algorithms, and software tools for the analysis of medical images. This work includes examining the parameters and biomarkers that describe the form and function of organs.

Laurie Lee, MN joins our institute as a member of the Behaviour and Developing Brain Theme. Lee’s research is focused on the prevention, management and long-term outcomes of pain. She is also investigating the barriers to organ and tissue donation in pediatric end-of-life care. This includes the effects of organ and tissue donation on the grief trajectory.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

CIHR - Catalyst Grant: Patient-Oriented Research Registration
June 25, 2019
RSO Internal Deadline: September 10, 2019 at noon
Contact: Anna LeMarquand

CIHR - Network Catalyst Grants Registration
CIHR: July 9, 2019
RSO Internal Deadline: August 1, 2019 at noon
Contact: Anna LeMarquand

For more funding opportunities, please view the Child Health Opportunities

CONFERENCES and LECTURES: Calendar

SUMMER BREAK - ACHRI’s theme lecture series will return in September

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Oct. 3  Owerko Family Lecture
2-3pm
Dr. Stephen Hinshaw, PhD, UC Berkeley
Theatre 4, Health Sciences Centre

Oct. 16
CSM's Science in the Cinema co-hosted by ACHRI
Presenting "Wonder"
Plaza Theatre Calgary

Nov. 6  Gairdner Symposium on Precision Medicine
Libin Theatre, HSC Foothills Campus

Dec. 12 & 13  ACHRI Research Symposium
Banff Centre of the Arts
Registration opening soon

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