

Community Health Sciences Department Council Meeting August 27, 2024



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The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta (Districts 5 and 6).





Please join us in giving **Dr. Kathryn Graham** a warm welcome! She joined CHS as of Monday, August 19th as a Professor, Research Impact Assessment!

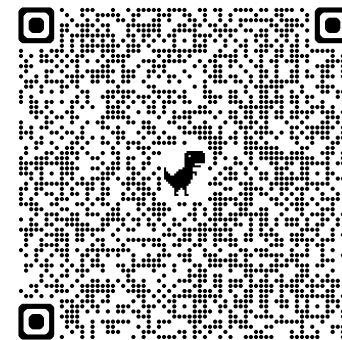
You can find her in her office at 3E33.

UCalgary Pride Week

2024



For a list of all UCalgary's Pride Week events, please scan the QR code (link in chat):

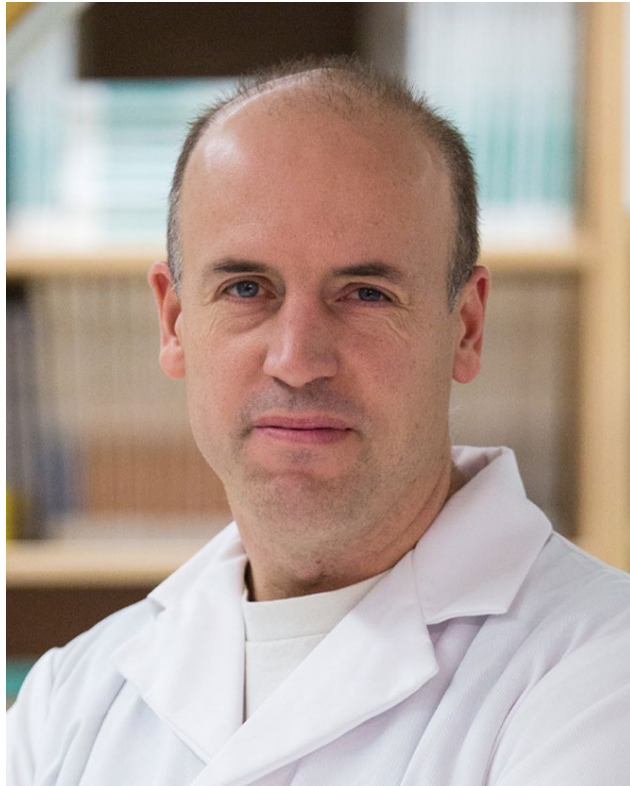


CIHR Project and Team Grant & Priority Announcement Spring 2024



Top row (L to R): Tolu Sajobi, Maria Santana, Robert Hilsden, Khara Sauro, Aravind Ganesh, Gil Kaplan, Bejoy Menon, Darren Brenner, and Jenine Leal.

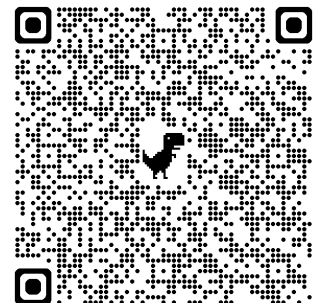
Bottom row (L to R): Ranjani Somayaji, Philip Barber, Michael Hill, Kirsten Fiest, Eldon Spackman, Christopher Ma, Dana Olstad, David Campbell, and Deborah Marshall.



The 14th annual **Margolese National Brain Disorders Prize** is awarded to **Dr. Michael Hill** for his groundbreaking studies that have significantly advanced our understanding of stroke mechanisms — improving patient outcomes and shaping clinical practice and stroke research globally.

Congratulations, Michael!

To read more about this award, please scan here:
(link in chat)





Frank received a Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies (CMSS) Research Fellowship for his project, *They Also Served – Jewish and Oppositional Émigré Neuroscientists in the Armed Forces in North America during WWII* in 2025.



Deborah was appointed the Svare Chair in Health Economics: *Value and Impact in Child Health Research*



Matt was awarded a UCalgary Research Excellence Chair (UCREC)



Caley received the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Award for Young Leaders (Early Career)



Alan received the 2024 Early Investigator Award from the Canadian Sociological Association!



Turin received an Ekushey BCAOC Padak Award 2024 from the Bangladesh Canada Association of Calgary





(L to R) Associate Professor: Katie Chaput, Meghan Elliott, Gabriel Fabreau, Serena Orr, Reed Beall, Allison Brown, Pam Roach, Khara Sauro, Yuan (Shawn) Xu, Tiffany Boulton



(L to R) Professor: Philip Barber, Jennifer Brenner, Lawrence Korngut, Joon Lee, Sachin Pendharkar, Maria Santana, Prism Schneider, Tyler Williamson, Ngan Lam, Juliet Guichon



(L to R) Clinical/Adjunct - Assistant Professor: Lisa Allen Scott **Associate Professor:** Michelle Keir, Alka Patel, Caley Shukalek **Professor:** John McLennan

May 29, 2024

Emergency Department Use Among Adults Receiving Dialysis

Paul E. Ronksley, PhD¹; Tayler D. Scory, MSc²; Andrew D. McRae, MD, PhD^{1,3}; et al

» [Author Affiliations](#) | [Article Information](#)

JAMA Netw Open. 2024;7(5):e2413754. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2024.13754

> *Public Health Nutr.* 2024 Feb 2;27(1):e66. doi: 10.1017/S1368980024000429.

Exploring the prospective acceptability of a healthy food incentive program from the perspective of people with type 2 diabetes and experiences of household food insecurity in Alberta, Canada

Saania Tariq¹, Dana Lee Olstad¹, Reed F Beall¹, Eldon Spackman¹, Lorraine Lipscombe², Sharlette Dunn¹, Bonnie M Lashewicz¹, Meghan J Elliott^{1,3}, David Jt Campbell^{1,3,4}

> *Qual Life Res.* 2024 Aug 14. doi: 10.1007/s11136-024-03682-4. Online ahead of print.

Validation of the EQ-5D-Y-5L parent-proxy version among children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Arto Ohinmaa¹, Jiabi Wen¹, Gillian R Currie^{2,3,4}, Susanne M Benseler⁵, Joost F Swart⁶, Sebastiaan J Vastert⁶, Rae S M Yeung⁷, Deborah A Marshall^{8,5,9,10}

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📌 Preprints (earlier versions) of this paper are available at <https://preprints.jmir.org/preprint/55352>, first published December 12, 2023.



Finding Medical Photographs of Patients Online: Randomized, Cross-Sectional Study

Zack Marshall^{1,2} ; Maushumi Bhattacharjee³ ; Meng Wang¹ ; Abdul Cadri⁴ ; Hannah James⁵ ; Shabnam Asghari⁶ ; Rene Peltekian⁷ ; Veronica Benz¹ ; Vanessa Finley-Roy⁸ ; Brynna Childs^{2,9} ; Lauren Asaad¹ ; Michelle Swab¹⁰ ; Vivian Welch¹¹ ; Fern Brunger¹² ; Chris Kaposy¹² 

> *J Nutr.* 2024 Jul 23:S0022-3166(24)00410-3. doi: 10.1016/j.tjnut.2024.07.029. Online ahead of print.

Socioeconomic Inequalities in Intakes of Ultraprocessed and Minimally Processed Foods in Nationally Representative Samples of Adults in Canada: An Analysis of Trends between 2004 and 2015

Seyed Hosseini Pozveh¹, Michelle L Aktary², Jane Y Polsky³, Jean-Claude Moubarac⁴, Lana Vanderlee⁵, Dana Lee Olstad⁶

Upcoming events



Date / Time / Location	Title	Presenters
Sept 5, noon, Rose Room & Zoom	Helping you find those international funding dollars and partners: A UCalgary International service for UCalgary researchers	U Calgary International Office personnel
Sept 19, noon, Rose Room & Zoom	Alumni spotlight panel: Celebrating a decade of excellence	O'Brien / CHS alumni

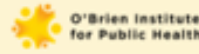


**O'Brien Institute
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Save the Date!



SAVE THE DATE

Better Together

Strengthening public health in Canada through collaboration and research

Date: Oct. 30, 2024 | Time: 8 A.M. - 3 P.M. MDT

Venue: Red & White Club, Calgary



Save the date!

This fall, join leading researchers and Canadian public health experts to explore collaborative solutions and strengthen our shared efforts in tackling public health challenges.

When: Oct. 30, 2024, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Red & White Club, Calgary

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Opportunities

Postdoctoral scholars

The **Health Equity HUB** has 2 student funding opportunities!

**Community-Engaged Research Stipend
and
OIPH Student Travel Award**

Launching soon!

As explained in the [Cumming Postdoctoral Scholar Program \(PSP\)](#) guidelines, applications for and will be considered by the Cumming PSP committee throughout the year. Eligibility for this Postdoctoral applicants, [as noted here](#). To apply through the O'Brien Institute for Public Health [form](#) to iph@ucalgary.ca, with submission deadlines of **June 1** and **November 1**. Applications are reviewed by a College of Reviewers, for potential submission to the Cumming PSP committee. Supervisors are

Learning Health Systems Catalyst

To support progress toward the Institute's [Better Healthcare goal](#), a dedicated Learning Health Systems Catalyst award supports a range of well-aligned projects deemed likely to leverage external funding and societal impact. The University of Calgary's Department of Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, and Medicine are each offering matching funding for a Catalyst award that supports its specific Learning Health System research goals. Projects that don't support one of those four Departments may be competitive for a more generic Learning Health Systems award funded solely by the O'Brien Institute.

Please use [this application template](#) and submit completed package (in one .PDF file) to iph@ucalgary.ca by: **DEADLINE October 7, 23:59:00 MST**



Better Together
Strengthening public health in Canada through collaboration
CALL FOR TRAINEE PANELIST

Congratulations Graduate Scholarship Recipients!

CIHR Canada Graduate Scholarship Recipients



Izza Babar



Duaa Fatima



Brooklyn
Fernandes



Emily Gunn



Megan Harmon



Brij Karmur



James King



Elizabeth
Fletcher



Gwen Knight



Inara Lalani



Jessica
Revington



Sara Scott



Kirsten
Sjonnesen



Robert (Liam)
Sutherland



Linda
Bakunda

Other MDCH Awardees



Anees Bahji
Izaak Walton Killam Doctoral
Scholarship



Asmita Bhattarai
Chancellor's Graduate
Medal



Areefa Karan
Yao Ming Charitable Named
Scholar for 2024-25

Increased Funding for Federal Scholarships & Fellowships!

Scholarships and fellowships from **CIHR, NSERC & SSHRC: increased award values as of September 1, 2024**. Annual value of all current and new master's and doctoral student scholarships will increase to \$27,000 and \$40,000, and current and new postdoc fellowships will increase to \$70,000.

There will be **no changes** to the value or duration of the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships or the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships at this time.



For more details, links to the FGS Update and the Government of Canada press release are in the chat.

FALL TERM

- MDCH 600 – Introduction to Community Health Sciences (Fall Block Week Course)
- MDCH 605 – (VETM605) Introduction to Biostatistical Methods
- MDCH 610 – (VET610) Essentials of Biostatistics
- MDCH 612 – Biostatistics III: Models for Repeated Measures Studies and Time-to-Events Studies
- MDCH 629 – Foundations of Practice & Science in Medical Education
- MDCH 630 – Designing Medical Education Research
- MDCH 631 – Implementation of Medical Education Research
- MDCH 635 – Foundations and Futures of CRDS
- MDCH 640 – (VETM640) Fundamentals of Epidemiology
- MDCH 666 – Health Policy
- MDCH 741 – Systemic Reviews & Meta-Analysis

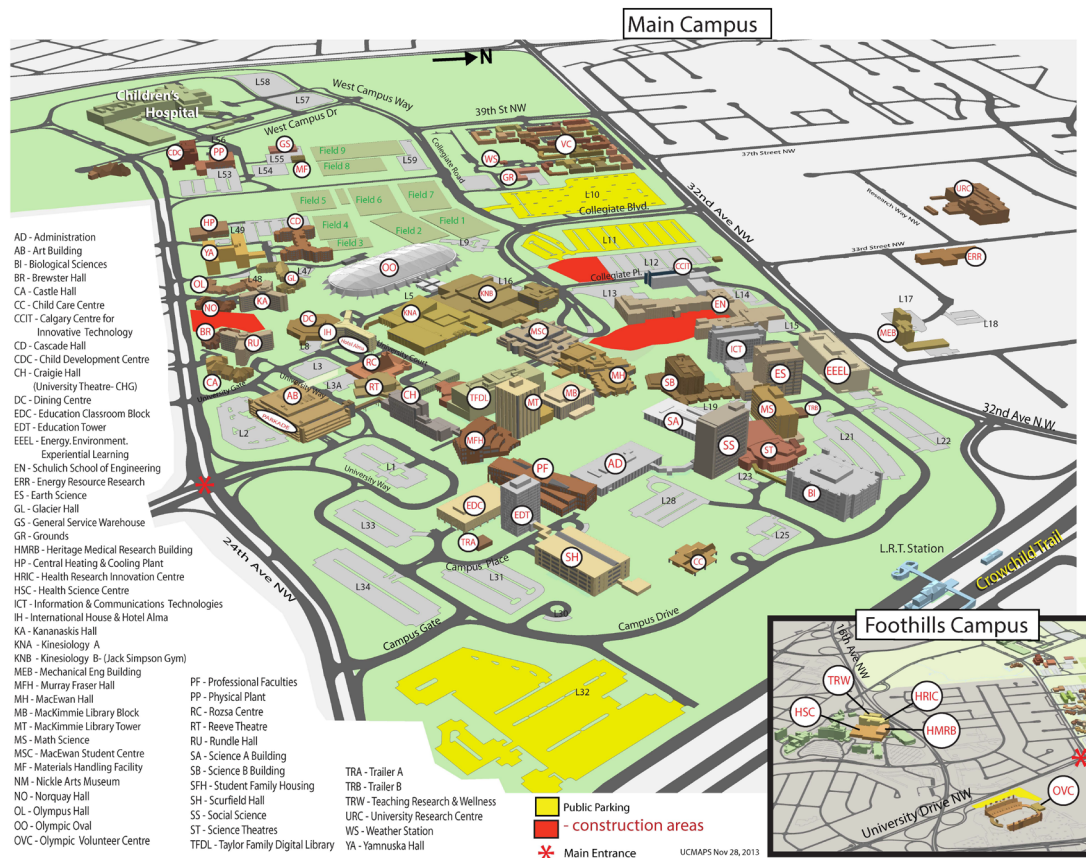
WINTER TERM

- MDCH 637 – Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion of Community Rehabilitation and Disability (Winter Block Week Course)
- MDCH 611 – (VETM611) Biostatistics II: Models in Health Outcomes
- MDCH 615 – Machine Learning for Health Data Science
- MDCH 627 – Med Ed Assess & Measurement
- MDCH 628 – Teach, Learn & Curriculum Design
- MDCH 636 – Advanced Exploration and Visualization in Health
- MDCH 641 – Introduction to Clinical Trials
- MDCH 643 – Research in Healthcare Epidemiology and Infection Control
- MDCH 660 – Foundations of Health Services Research
- MDCH 661 – Health Economics I
- MDCH 662 – Economic Evaluation
- MDCH 681 – Health Research Methods
- MDCH 683 – Introduction to Qualitative Health Research for the Health Sciences
- MDCH 740 – (VETM740) Advanced Epidemiology

Don't forget about other educational opportunities!

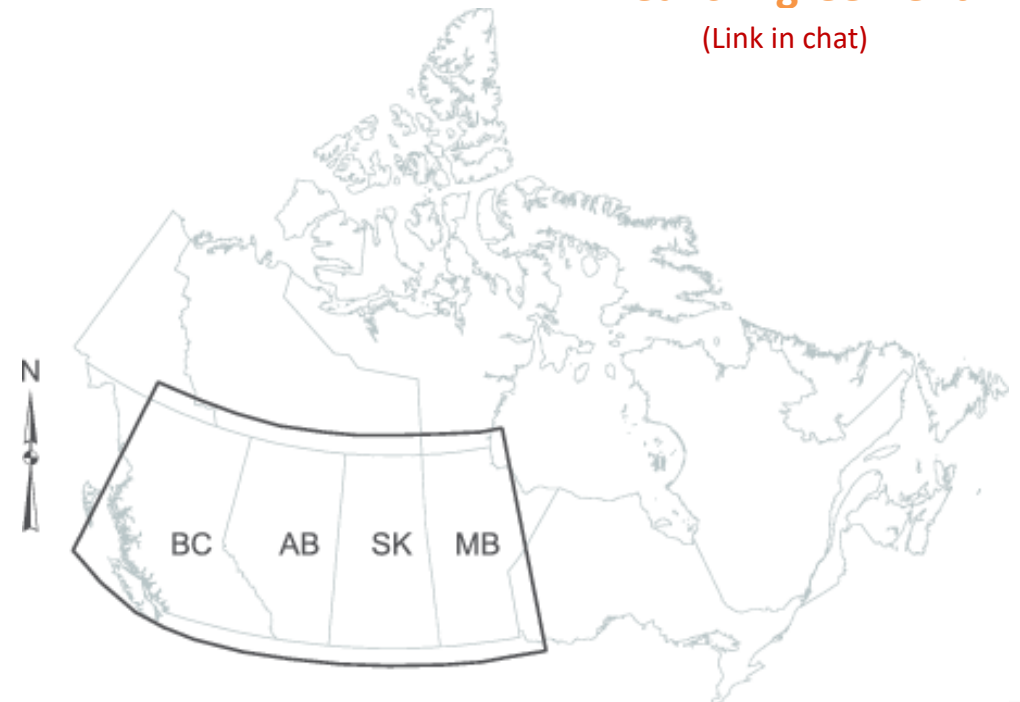
MDCH students aren't limited to taking courses within *just* our program, there are plenty of other courses through the **Western Deans' Agreement** and on main campus that are available to them.

For example, the Department of Sociology is offering a transdisciplinary graduate-level stats course next winter – **"Multilevel and Longitudinal Data Analysis"** – Tuesdays from 9:00 – 11:45.



Provinces in the Western Deans' Agreement

(Link in chat)



Graduate Admissions into CHS (MDCH) for Fall 2025

Updates include the **Admissions Timeline for Fall 2025 Intake**, **funding specifications**, **supervisory profile info**, **a supervisor support letter template**, **the CSM GSE funding policy**, and more.

All supervisors in CHS received an email on July 10 with the full details but if you need this resent, please email Mariko.

TUCFA (Faculty Association) Update



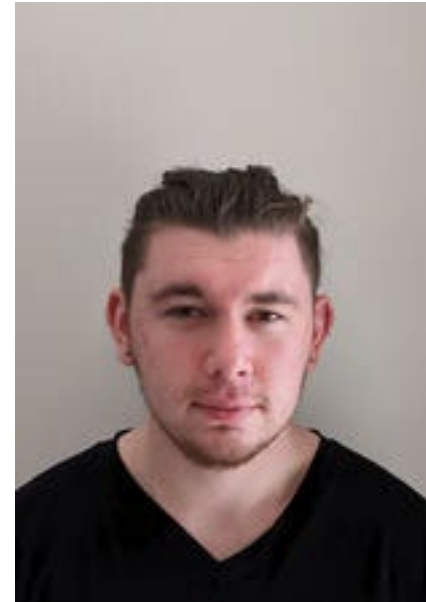
Starting in September,
Aliya Kassam will be your
new CHS TUCFA rep!

Thank you to **Lindsay McLaren**, for her support
as our previous rep. She
will be stepping into a
Board of Director role.

Introducing the new CHSSE Co-Chairs!



Sandeep Chand



Riley Martens

The search for the remaining CHSSE executives closed last night. The new full executive team will be announced tomorrow!

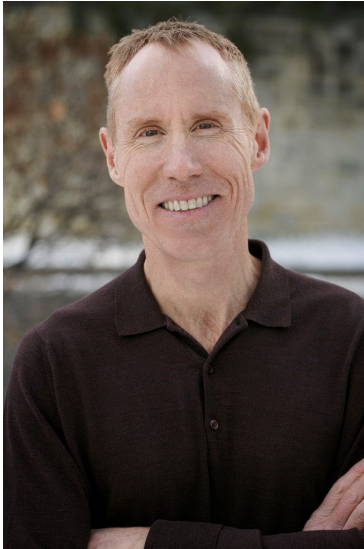
RSL deadline: October 15

Please schedule a meeting with me prior to if you are planning to apply.



Assessment year:

Keep track of **all** you do
Brenda will schedule check-ins with me
throughout April and May



Braden Manns was appointed senior associate dean, Clinical Research, and associate vice-president (Health Research) effective July 15th.



Catherine Potocka was appointed as Department Head, Emergency Medicine, CSM, and the Zone Clinical Department Head, Emergency Medicine, Calgary Zone, AHS.



Aaron Phillips was appointed associate dean, Innovation and Commercialization as of July 1st.



New AHS Letter of Support Process

Requesting a Letter of Support when Applying for Research Funding Competitions

Principal Investigators (PIs) with relationships with clinical program leaders may continue to approach them directly for a Letter of Support when their teams have specific competencies needed to conduct their research. The Office of Partnerships is prepared to help all PIs navigate and coordinate such requests across the health system, including Provincial Health Agencies, and other AHS and provincial programs relevant to their study.

Information Requirements and Timelines

PIs (or designates) are asked to **submit requests for a Letter of Support via email 14 days or more before the PIs' deadline to the Office of Partnerships (PartnershipsOffice@ahs.ca).**

While inclusion of a draft letter can expedite the process, it is not required.

Link in chat for the AHS Memo and full details.

September 23 – 27 is Truth and Reconciliation Week

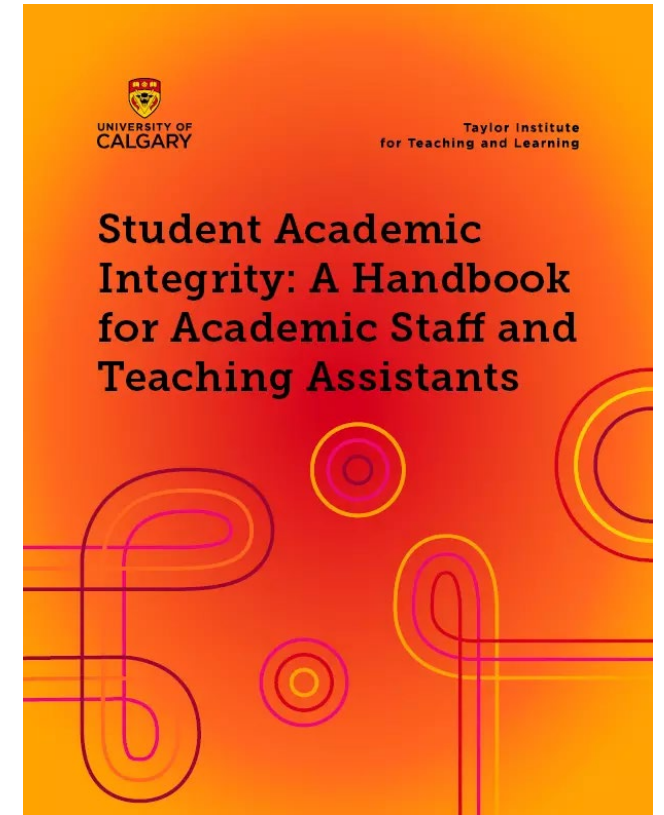


The **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR)** will be offering free 50-minute lunch & learn webinars to the public during the week.

To read more or register for a webinar, please visit the link in the chat.

The guide is intended for academic staff, though it may also be useful to others on campus including graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants (TAs) and students. It is intended to serve as a companion to the Academic Integrity Student Handbook.

To read more or to download the guide, please visit the link in the chat.



UCalgary P-Card and T&E Card Update

PCard or T&E Card transactions that are suspected by the cardholder or their delegate(s) as fraudulent, **must be reported to Scotiabank Visa within 15 days from the card statement issuance**. The previous reporting period of 60 days from the transaction date is no longer valid.

If not reported within 15 days, the charge(s) will be considered valid, and the department will be responsible for the charge(s).

Scotiabank Visa contact: **1-800-813-6602** x1 x4 (or call the number on the back of the card).

For further details on transaction disputes, fraud reporting and reconciliation of fraud, please see the Corporate Card Program Handbook, (Section 6.11 Fraud Disputes – link in chat) or contact UService @ **403-210-9300** or **finance@ucalgary.ca**.



REMINDER: UCalgary Profiles System

The decommissioning of contacts.ucalgary.ca took place on **April 4**. Moving forward, please use the **UCalgary Profiles System**.

For instructions on how to access and update your personal profile please see details **in the chat**. Here are some key features:

- **Personalized People Profiles:** You will have the option to create and customize your own public professional biography. This includes sharing information such as your research areas, contact details, courses taught, awards received, and publications.
- **User-Friendly Interface:** The system focuses on user experience, ensuring that it is intuitive and easy to navigate.
- **Enhanced Security:** The profiles system is an opt-in service, allowing you control over the information you share publicly around your contact methods or working location.

**If you need support with setting up or modifying your profile,
please reach out to Mariko!**

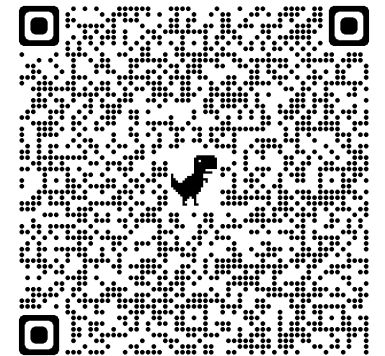
New Sexual & Gender-Based Violence Training Course

The Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Support Office is introducing a Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) training course for all faculty and staff. All UCalgary faculty and staff are encouraged to take the one-hour SGBV basic training through ELM.

Participants will learn:

- **About sexual and gender-based violence,**
- **The Impacts of this kind of violence,**
- **How to care for someone who has experienced this form of trauma,**
- **Community and campus resources,**
- **UCalgary's Sexual and Gender-Based Violence policy**

For more information or to book a training course, please scan here →
(Link in chat)



How are Disabled Faculty Members across Canada Transforming Higher Education and Academia?

Authors: Dr. Alan Santinele Martino, Kristen Hardy, & Miss Naomi Eastman
Department: Community Health Sciences



A study designed to move beyond barrier-focused narratives to explore the dreams, desires, and transformative efforts of disabled faculty and staff

We are recruiting faculty and staff across Canadian higher education institutions to understand the ways they are transforming, “cripping”, and reimagining academia.

Alan is conducting a call for participants to explore the lived experiences of faculty members with disabilities and understand their transformative work and desires to create a more inclusive, welcoming space for students and colleagues with disabilities.

UCalgary Visiting Scholars Program

The Visiting Scholars Program sponsors distinguished scholars who will make a significant contribution to the academic life of the University of Calgary, enriching our research community, raising our institutional profile, and promoting knowledge exchange across countries and continents. For medium- and longer-term visits, **scholars are expected to participate in the research and teaching programs of the host faculty as well as engage in their own research.**

- Value of VPR Match: \$5,000 - \$20,000
- The host must provide a minimum 1:1 match
- Visits range from 1 week to several months
 - Ongoing intake

To learn more or to submit a nomination, please visit:

<https://research.ucalgary.ca/conduct-research/funding/ucalgary-visiting-scholars-program>

This guide is designed to provide practical guidance and strategies for building inclusive and supportive workplace environments. It specifically addresses the experiences and challenges faced by Indigenous, Black, and racialized individuals.

BUILDING ALLIANCES IN THE WORKPLACE:

Creating a personal advocacy and solidarity action plan

Download the guide ▶



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In collaboration with

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To download the toolkit please visit:
<https://unglobalcompact.ca/knowledge-hub/page.php?id=34> (link in chat)

No Scents Makes Sense

The University is committed to promoting the health, safety and well-being of its workers, students, visitors and contractors, in accordance with the University of Calgary Occupational Health & Safety Policy.

Occupational hygiene is a component of health and safety that focuses on preventing and minimizing the potential for workers to experience negative health effects, as a result of exposure to hazards found in their workplace.

There is a growing understanding about adverse effects experienced by some people when they are exposed to scented products. There are members of our university community who may not be able to use facilities such as study spaces, libraries, theatres, classrooms, and work spaces due to the presence of scented products.



Fragrance Free Zone

Please help us to accommodate those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products.

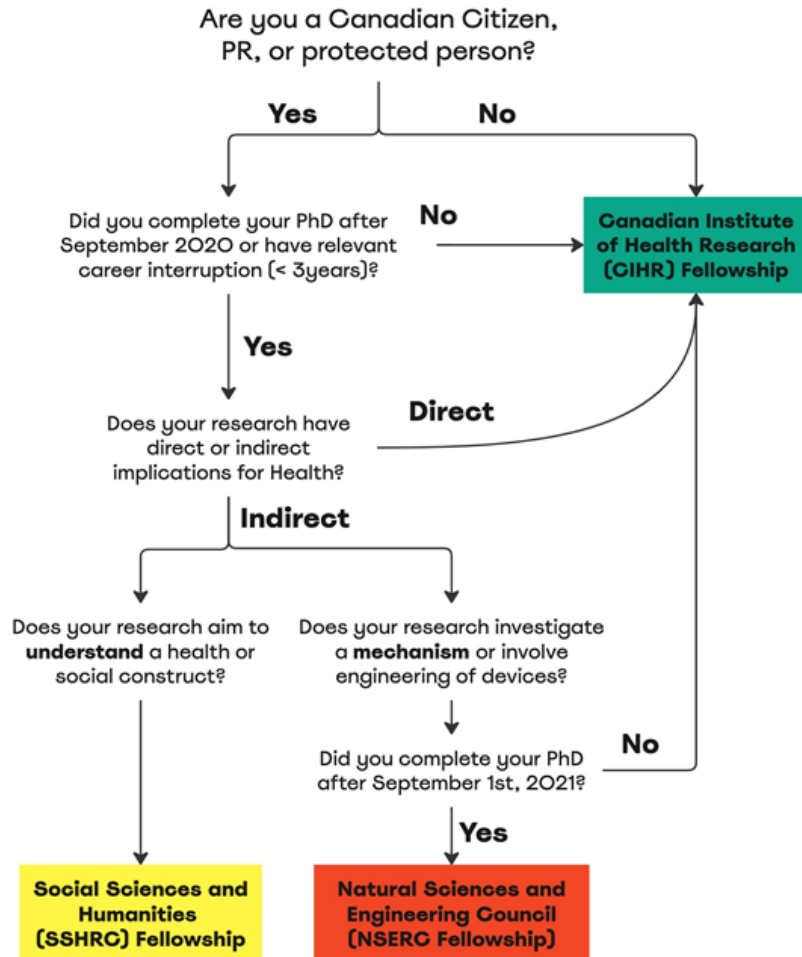


If you work alone on campus, please be sure to download the UC Safety App. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislation and UCalgary's updated Work Alone Standard require you to have a Work Alone Plan and an effective means of communicating with your point of contact in the case of an emergency. You must also check-in at regular intervals to verify that you are safe.

Link in chat.

Thinking about TriCouncil Fellowship?

Which Triagency Do I Apply To?



Postdocs, Supervisors, and Supporters: SSHRC and NSERC are live already, and CIHR is expected to launch soon. These are your action items right now:

- 1) **Create your CCV** and have it reviewed by the Grant Development Office. Make an appointment.
- 2) **Identify a reference/mentor** that can attest to an aspect of your research persona: presentation skills, work ethics, knowledge translation/ impact etc. Three references are required, make these connections well before a letter is needed.
- 3) **Plan your writing with a timeline**, add extra time for reviews from your supervisor and the Grant Development Office.
- 4) Did you apply last year? **Send in your reviewer feedback** to have it deciphered and come up with a game plan!

More info available through the link in the chat.

VPR Catalyst and Transdisciplinary Connector Grants

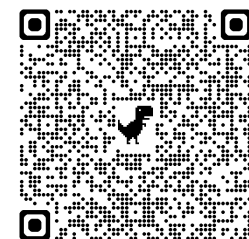
The **VPR Catalyst** and **Transdisciplinary Connector Grant** programs are a key part of the internal funding landscape at UCalgary.

The broad appeal of these programs has led to an increase in applications, but also, longer timelines for reviews, feedback and notices of award.

Effective immediately, the frequency of application intakes will be **reduced from 4 per year to 3**. The new intake schedule for both the VPR Catalyst Grants and Transdisciplinary Connector Grants will be **October 1, February 1, and June 1** each year.

Researchers intending to apply for the August 15 VPR Catalyst or Transdisciplinary Connector Grants intake should now plan to apply for the October 1, 2024 intake.

To register for the upcoming Info Webinar, please click the link in the chat or scan here:



- **Practice compassion**
Try to recognize everyone is going through this moment under varying circumstances. Your own reactions and emotions are okay, as are others. Communicate your comfort level to those you interact with and encourage others to do the same.
- **One day at a time**
The uncertainty that we are coping with is a significant challenge. Instead of ruminating on the past or worrying about the future, be mindful of the present moment. This can help us focus on our own emotions and what we can control.
- **Reach out**
Although heightened stress in this situation is normal, support is available for you to discuss your feelings. If fear or stress is impacting your ability to participate or complete daily tasks, homework, or activities, reach out to your community—friends, family, faith, or through counselling or crisis lines.
- **Concerned about a student?** E-mail the Student at Risk team at sar@ucalgary.ca

For additional information and to access support please visit:

[https://ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/mental-health-covid-](https://ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/mental-health-covid-19)

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