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NEWS & UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS

Monique Charest
Associate Professor,
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

FRM New Investigator Award
Receiving $3,000 in support of her research on language development and language processing for children with typical language development and Developmental Language Disorder

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CONGRATULATIONS

Lauren Beaupre
Professor,
Department of Physical Therapy
with
Martin Ferguson-Pell, Professor, Faculty of Rehabilitation;
Allyson Jones, Professor, Physical Therapy

Arthritis Society Strategic Operating Grant
with a value of $300,000 for the study "Adapting Rehabilitation Delivery for Maximum Impact at Home (ReDI@Home)"

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Rehabilitation Research Centre Graduate Student Groups

The RRC has started two groups that meet regularly to help graduate students with their writing and PhD students with their Candidacy Exam preparations. PhD students interested in joining a candidacy study group organized through the should email rrc@ualberta.ca.

Thesis-based students and post-doctoral fellows interested in joining a writing group can sign up with this form: https://forms.gle/JSeAwuRaUjWjJfJh9

Changes to the Researcher Homepage

Improvements have been made that will make it easier for researchers to track the progress of the requests they make through the Researcher Home Page:

- The PI (and holder where relevant) are now receiving email notification at the time a file has been assigned to a Contract Specialist for processing. The email will contain
additional instructions with regards to how to track the request's progress and
determine which Contracts Specialist has been assigned to the request.

- To limit the overall number of notifications sent, submitters will no longer receive a
notification when RSO receives a request. For further clarification, please contact
FRM's Research Facilitator, Lan Chan-Marples.

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**Virtual Clinical Research Guidelines**

The University has created a document that provides guidance on the tools available for
remotely conducting clinical research, found [here](#).

This is a living document, and feedback is welcome.

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**New NACTRC Clinical Trial Management System: OnCore**

The OnCore CTMS is a new system designed to enhance clinical trial infrastructure in
Alberta, by increasing efficiencies in clinical trial management:

- Less administrative work for coordinators resulting in increased capacity for additional
  studies
- Improved study quality through the standardization and adoption of best practices
- Centralized and automated financial management and regulatory compliance processes
  and reporting

The system will be launched in 2 stages:

- May 2021: Cross Cancer Institute
- October 2021: University of Alberta and University of Calgary

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**Portage’s Federated Research Data Repository (FRDR) has officially launched into full production**

Portage’s [Federated Research Data Repository (FRDR)](#) has officially launched into full
production! Full production offers many new features and benefits:

- Publish research data in a Canadian-owned, bilingual national repository option
• 1 TB of repository storage available to all faculty members at Canadian post-secondary institutions – more storage may be available upon request
• Secure repository storage, distributed geographically across multiple Compute Canada Federation hosting sites
• Data curation support provided by Portage
• Ability to work with multiple collaborators on a single submission
• Your data will be discoverable alongside other Canadian collections in the FRDR Discovery Portal

UPCOMING EVENTS & SESSIONS

Spring Research Computing Bootcamp started April 26

Spring research computing bootcamp offers many opportunities to participate and increase your knowledge of research computing tools. Connect with colleagues working in the same space to share knowledge, best practices and get answers to your questions — best of all, they're free!

All workshops will be held online.

April 26th - May 21st
Session Dates and Registration found here

Autism Speaks Science at INSAR 2021

Get a head start on INSAR 2021 as Autism Speaks invites you to engage with your fellow attendees while learning about how our research platforms and resources can benefit your research. Grab a cup of coffee and join us at one of our virtual hangouts to connect with our Science team in your area of study.

Monday, May 3rd, 2021

• Autism Public Health Collaborations with Autism Speaks
  7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
• Discovering New Opportunities with Autism Speaks
  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Transforming Care Through the Autism Care Network
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Registration and more information here

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Campus Alberta Health Outcomes and Public Health 2021

The 8th Annual HOPH Conference will re-gather provincial partners and examine the opportunities and challenges we face on our journey toward the future of public health.

May 17, 2021
Registration and more information here

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Spencer Foundation: Small Research Grants on Education

The Small Research Grants Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to $50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years.

More details found here
Application due: June 4, 2021

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Craig H. Neilson Foundation: Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum

The SCIRTS Portfolio advances novel approaches to improving function and developing curative therapies after SCI. This research is designed to improve understanding and advance the treatment of acute and chronic SCI and includes mechanistic, preclinical, translational and/or clinical studies.

Funding for each year of the two-year project is up to $75,000 for a maximum total cost of $150,000
CIHR: Indigenous Gender and Wellness Team Grant

This opportunity will provide funding for Indigenous-led teams to implement their ideas through research and action-oriented, community-based participatory projects that will improve wellness for Indigenous Peoples from a gendered perspective. Some possible examples of community-based participatory projects might include but are not limited to: projects with a focus on the arts as a means to improving wellness from a gendered lens (e.g., visual, music, dance, theatre, literary or media, including contemporary practice of traditionally-based forms); or participatory programs that focus on and strengthen the relationship between gender, wellness and cultural traditions and activities (e.g., ceremony, land-based activities).

This funding opportunity will focus on addressing themes related to Indigenous gender and wellness. In this context, wellness should be broadly defined to encompass an Indigenous, holistic view of health. Projects can tie wellness to ceremony, language, culture, behaviours, land-based projects and more. Projects on topics important to Indigenous youth and young adults are especially encouraged.

More information found here
Applications due:
Registration: June 22, 2021
Full Application: July 29, 2021

CARTOON SPOTLIGHT
HOW YOU FEELING?
NOT BAD. TIRED.
A LITTLE SORE.

I FEEL BAD FOR MY IMMUNE
SYSTEM. IT DOESN'T KNOW
THIS ISN'T A REAL VIRUS.
IT MUST BE FREAKING OUT.
HEY BUDDY, DON'T WORRY!
WE'RE GOING TO BE FINE.
THIS IS JUST PRACTICE!

NO, DON'T TELL IT THAT
YOU WANT IT TO PANIC
AND BUILD DEFENSES
THAT WILL BE ABLE TO
HANDLE THE REAL THING.
I GUESS.
OKAY, LET ME
TRY AGAIN.

WOE! MY ARM IS STRICKEN
BY A DREADFUL PLAGUE!
I FEEL DEATH DRAW NEAR!
MY ONLY HOPE IS THOSE
HEROIC IMMUNE CELLS!
PERFECT. YOU'RE DOING GREAT!
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU.