May 25, 2021

Thesis Defense Seminars

**GEOS** PhD Thesis presentation by Chad A. Morgan, Department of Geoscience, (Supervisor: Charles Henderson) May 25th 2021 at 1:00pm, "Quantitative Trilobite Biostratigraphy of the middle Cambrian (Wuliuan Stage, Miaolingian Series) and Microfacies Analysis of the middle Cambrian Stephen Formation, Southern Canadian Rocky Mountains". Contact geoscience@ucalgary.ca for zoom details.

**BISI** MSc Thesis presentation by Affan Siddiq, Department of Biological Sciences, (Supervisor: Andre Buret) June 8th 2021 at 9:00am, "The role of extracellular vesicles in Giardia Microbiota interactions". Contact biosci@ucalgary.ca for zoom details.

Seminars

The Politics of Cyber Security and Surveillance — a Q&A

This year's Lecture of a Lifetime ended long before honouree Dr. John Ferris, PhD, addressed the flood of audience questions about cyber security, surveillance and politics. Dr. Ferris returns to dig deeper during this hour-long Q&A session. Bring your questions and join the discussion. [Register now.](#)

Date: June 1, 2021
Time: 12-1 p.m. MDT
Format: Zoom webinar

Opportunities

**NSERC ‘Discovery Horizons’ Program Webinar**

The Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) is offering webinars to present information on the new pilot program – Discovery Horizons. In our view, this program is reasonably similar to the NFRF Exploration program, perhaps with a greater focus on NSERC core projects. Registration is not required, please use the links below to attend:

- **French session**: May 26th, 10:00 - 11:30 am (EST) / 8:00 – 9:30 am (MST)
- **English session**: May 26th, 12:00 - 1:30 pm (EST) / 10:00 – 11:30 am (MST)

Additionally, NSERC has asked that we distribute a few FAQs in advance of the sessions, they can be found in the attached document.

**Please note** - There are no requirements with respect to team size or composition. However, individuals are only allowed to participate in one Discovery Horizons application, as either an applicant or co-applicant, per competition cycle.

**Additional resources**:
For more information about the internal process for applying to this competition, please visit the [funding calendar](#).

**Contact**: Danielle Demiantschuk

**NSERC Alliance/Mitacs Accelerate Joint Program Workshop for Science and SSE**

We are pleased to invite you to the NSERC Alliance/Mitacs Accelerate Joint Program Workshop. This new joint initiative supports the R&D efforts of Canadian university researchers, their partners, and highly qualified personnel including students and/or postdoctoral fellows. We believe this new program offers the best value for matching partner contributions. The workshop is for all interested researchers to discuss how NSERC and Mitacs are working together to ensure the best value for our partner’s contributions for faculty.

For more information on the NSERC and Mitacs opportunity, please see: [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innoover/NSERC-Alliance-Mitacs_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innoover/NSERC-Alliance-Mitacs_eng.asp)
Workshop details: Friday, May 28th, 2021 at 10:00am to 11:15am
Please register in advance for this meeting:
https://ucalgary.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlpcuCrpzgpE9WnkcYKmv9S2p2EPP04GFn5M

Brainstorming Session - Enhanced Research Administrative Support in Science
Science is working toward optional ‘enhanced administrative support’ for researchers with funds where this is eligible (e.g. 10% of NSERC Alliance budgets for projects with multiple partners https://www.nserc-crng.gc.ca/innovate-innover/alliance-alliance/funding-financement_eng.asp). The enhanced administrative support options will be above and beyond those currently available to all Science researchers. Researchers who would like to have planning stage input into this are invited to join a short brainstorming session where we will discuss the types of enhanced services we might make available, and whether there would be sufficient interest to pursue the idea.
If you are interested in joining the brainstorming session, please advise anna.urbanska1@ucalgary.ca

Alberta Innovates Programs Information Session
Marlene Huerta, Adam Brown and Vanessa White from Alberta Innovates will be discussing the various programs offered by Alberta Innovates and how they can support research efforts at the U of C.
When: Jun 14, 2021, at 2:00 PM MST
Register in advance for this session using the Zoom link below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
https://ucalgary.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkF-6orTgvG9UrwOl5tziccM8qWMrikM4u

Opportunities – Health
CIHR-CEPI Leadership Award for Vaccine Research
This funding opportunity recognizes the research achievements of mid-career investigators who are on track for, or have already achieved, international leadership in vaccine research for infectious diseases. With this award, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) are each providing grant funding for a mutually beneficial research project that mid-career researchers will co-develop with CEPI. The co-developed project will align with CEPI’s mission and priority diseases and fall within one or more research area(s) of this funding opportunity.
CIHR has extended the submission deadline to July 9, 2021 in order to provide more time for women, men, racialized scientists, and others affected by COVID-19 to apply for this competition. CIHR views championing equity, diversity, and inclusion as fundamental to supporting excellence in research, training, and knowledge mobilization. Therefore, they strongly encourage people from diverse backgrounds, especially women, men, and racialized scientists affected by COVID to apply.
Research Services final internal deadline for the full application is now noon on July 6th, 2021.
For more information, please see the Funding Deadline Calendar.

Announcement
Science researchers may be aware that our PostDocs ratified a collective agreement that has been in effect since January 1, 2021. Their Postdoctoral Fellows Association of the University of Calgary is working to build a strong PostDoc community. Please ensure your PostDocs are aware of their (currently) virtual events and other opportunities.