June 7, 2021

**Thesis Defense Seminars**

**BISI** PhD Thesis presentation by Christopher Cahill, (Supervisor: John Post) June 15\textsuperscript{th} 2021 at 1:00pm, “Unveiling uncertainty and complexity in inland fisheries”.

Contact biosci@ucalgary.ca for zoom link.

**Seminars**

**CHEM Graduate Student Association's Science Communication Month**

‘It’s a Conversation’ presented by Jay Ingram, June 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2021 at 12:00pm. Register here.

‘A Science Comedian’s Guide to Communicating Science’, a workshop by Brian Malow, June 10\textsuperscript{th}, 1-2:30pm. Register here.

**Opportunities**

**The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) 2023 Innovation Fund**

The UC internal selection process is being initiated in anticipation of a draft Call for Proposals for the 2023 Innovation Fund (IF) in early Fall 2021.

Additional information is available here. Researchers planning to submit an internal Notice of Intent should contact ipd@ucalgary.ca for tips on preparing an iNOI and planning an IF project.

Please review the 2020 Innovation Fund Objectives before considering the UC’s internal selection process for proposals that will demonstrate:

- Alignment with the CFI’s anticipated Innovation Fund objectives;
- Feasibility of implementation;
- Alignment with department, institute, faculty and/or UC strategic research strengths and initiatives.

**Important dates:**

June 21, 3-4:30pm: iNOI information session (email ipd@ucalgary.ca by Thursday, June 17 to register)

August 16\textsuperscript{th} at noon: Submit draft iNOI to Associate Dean (Research)

Sept 15\textsuperscript{th} at noon: Faculties vet proposed projects and submits approved iNOIs to Research Services

For more information visit RSOs Funding Deadline Calendar.

**Call for Letters of Interest: Applied Research Collaboration to Address Environmental and Conservation Priorities with Alberta Environment and Parks**

The Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and UC entered into a 5 Year Science Strategy 2019- 2024, Knowledge for a Changing Environment, identifies the need to take a knowledge network approach to advancing priority areas related to Alberta’s environmental monitoring and science program.
In 2017, Alberta Environment and Parks entered into a MoU with the University of Calgary for collaboration in science research and training. To advance these intentions for expanded collaboration between AEP and U of C, a grant through the U of C Vice President Research Office is in place to support new projects and build greater linkages between U of C research programs and AEP’s science, monitoring and natural resource management programs.

**Opportunity**
Funds will be provided to support HQP to participate in collaborative environmental monitoring and science research projects to fill knowledge gaps and advance knowledge focused on priority areas from Alberta Environment and Parks.

This funding opportunity has two main objectives:

- Leverage expertise from both organizations such that it builds capacity for increased collaboration and knowledge mobilization in the future.
- Address knowledge gaps related to the AEP priority areas in the short term (next 1-2 years) specifically related to:
  - Fish and Aquatic Habitats
  - Wetlands and Wetland Conservation

All interested applicants are required to submit by email to AEP_OCS@gov.ab.ca, a Letter of Intent by 4pm on Friday, June 18, 2021.

Project proposals will be reviewed by the Office of the Chief Scientist, Alberta Environment and Parks for alignment with submission requirements and organizational applied research priorities. Decisions regarding which projects will be supported with funding through the AEP- U of C grant will be communicated by the Office of the Chief Scientist via email to applicants on Monday, July 5, 2021.

Please send any questions to AEP_OCS@gov.ab.ca

For additional information on this opportunity and regarding LOI requirements, please email sci.research@ucalgary.ca.

**Mitacs - Elevate**

Mitacs Elevate is a two-year training program for postdoctoral fellows (PDFs), where participants lead and undertake a research project with an industry partner. Open to all disciplines and all industry sectors.

**Award:** $60,000 per year for 2 years

**RSO Final Internal Deadline (Full Application):** Friday, June 25, 2021 at noon (12:00 p.m. MDT)

**Contact:** rsotrainee@ucalgary.ca

For more information on these and other Postdoc Funding Opportunities, please visit our Funding Deadline Calendar.

**COSIA launches request for proposal**

COSIA recently launched a request for proposal (RFP) seeking a proponent to conduct a study that identifies and assesses techniques, methods and/or processes that can:

1. Reduce the time required for expected long-term settlement of deep cohesive tailings deposits, such that most of the settlement occurs during deposit construction or soon after completion; and/or
2. Reduce the amount of expected long-term settlement of deep cohesive tailings deposits to a magnitude consistent with long-term oil sands mine closure requirements.

Check out the full RFP.
Questions? Get them answered at the webinar on June 9, 2021 from 1 to 2 p.m. MT. Sign up to hear from Lucas Barr, Director, Tailings at Canada’s Oil Sands Innovation Alliance (COSIA) and a panel of tailings experts from our member companies. Register here.

**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/tJIkf-6orTgvG9UrWolStziccM8gWMJrKxMu](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIkf-6orTgvG9UrWolStziccM8gWMJrKxMu)

**Opportunities – Health**

**CIHR 2021 Info Session for Trainees in Health Research**

It is our pleasure to announce that CIHR will be offering a series of MS Teams live events to trainees and institution staff regarding award programs that are offered. We will do an overview about relevant policies, tips for applicants, guidelines on how to submit an application and other relevant information.

A computer with internet connection is required to access the event, view the PowerPoint presentation as well as accessing Slido, an interactive tool where participants will have the opportunity to ask questions during the live event.

**Mark your Calendar in advance!**

The series of live events are posted on our CIHR website. If you are interested in participating, we invite you to mark your calendar for the session of your choice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at Support-Soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

**The Alzheimer Society of Canada: 2021-22 Alzheimer Society Research Programs: Proof of Concept Grants**

The Proof of Concept Grant provides $100,000 over up to 5 years to support investigators with innovative, high-risk, high-yield hypotheses about dementia.

**LOI Submission** deadline: July 6, 2021, 9:59 pm MST

Results of LOI Pre-Screen to Applicants: August 2021

Questions may be directed to research@alzheimer.ca. For more information please about the internal process for applying to this competition, please visit the funding calendar or contact Gary Markoski

**Congratulations**
Cathy Ryan and Kelly Munkittrick, who both received grants funded by Global Affairs Canada through the Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program, which supports collaborations and partnership building with institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

To the University of Calgary Eyes High Postdoctoral Match-Funding Fellowship Competition recipients:

- Pablo Simon Marques (PI: Gregory Welch CHEM)
- Abhishek Shukla (PI: Qingrun Zhang MTST)
- Celeste Labedz (PI: Dan Shugar GEOS)
- Jithine Jayakumar Rajeswari (PI: Matt Vijayan BISI)