Thesis Defense Seminars

**CHEM**  PhD Thesis presentation by Marissa L. Clapson, (Supervisor: Warren Piers) **November 26th at 3:00pm**, “Stoichiometric Reduction of CO$_2$ via a PCarbene-Co(I) Bridging Carbonate Species.” Please contact chem.info@ucalgary.ca for Zoom details.

**MTST**  PhD Thesis presentation by Charles Sam, (Supervisor: Rohana Ambagaspitiya) **October 12th at 3:30pm**, “Normal-Variance mixture model for calibrating loss given default (LGD) of a credit portfolio”. Please contact mathadmin@ucalgary.ca for Zoom details.

Seminars

**REMINDER: Save the Date! Research Engagement with Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks**

Tentatively scheduled for the morning of **October 27**. If you are interested in presenting your research to Parks Canada, please contact Rhian Gunn with a brief synopsis of your research interest.

**The Day the Loonie Went Extinct**

Join Dr. Ryan Henry (CPSC) and panel experts for an informative and timely discussion on the use of digital currencies.
Date: September 28, 2021
Time: 11:45am – 1pm
Register [here](#).

**2021 Louise and Richard K. Guy Lecture Series**

“Unsolved Problems in Number Theory,” with Dr. Ben Green (Oxford University)
Date: September 29, 2021
Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Register [here](#).
“So You Have an Idea….” A presentation on innovation cycle and the clinician-entrepreneur perspective

Hosts: Dr. Kevin Hildebrand (Head of the Dept of Surgery) and Kristina Rinker, PhD (UCalgary Professor, BME faculty, and co-founder of Syantra Inc and BiohubX)

Presenter: Bill Perry, Executive Chairman of Hybridge Medical

Date and time: October 6, 2021 at 5:30pm

Location: Register here for Zoom meeting access

Opportunities

REMINDER: Faculty-level review of NSERC DG – Monday, October 4

1. Create Pre-Award record in in RMS with application materials by 4pm on Monday, October 4. Make sure you select “Submitted for approvals” (under Save & Progress) and then click “Save & set status.”

2. Department heads or delegates will approve, making the application available for our Science Research Facilitator to download and distribute for Faculty-level review.

Please view the funding calendar entry here for further detail on RSO review and institutional process.

Test Your Concept Session: NSERC CREATE

Opportunity: Interested in applying for an NSERC CREATE but don’t know where to start? Participate in a Test Your Concept session this fall! SUPPORT Committees are hosting a TYC session to engage with interested researchers to provide feedback and guidance early in the development process. Any faculty members interested in receiving feedback on a research proposal are encouraged to participate.

If you would like to participate in a Test Your Concept session, please:

- RSVP to ipd@ucalgary.ca indicating a preliminary project title and half-page Concept Summary. You will receive an email confirmation of your assigned timeslot.
- If your project is a re-submission, please submit an additional half-page (both sections should not exceed one-page total) outlining how the project has evolved since its first submission.
- Please note that Test Your Concepts are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. It is strongly recommended that you register early as sessions tend to fill up quickly.

Deadline to confirm Interest: Thursday, October 28 by 9:00am

Date of Session: Tuesday, November 9, 2:00pm-4:00pm

REMINDER: NFRF 2022 Transformation Competition – Information Session

Prospective applicants can join a Transformation 2022 information session via Zoom on Tuesday, September 28 from 3-4 p.m. hosted by Dr. Penny Pexman, Associate Vice-President (Research), and representatives from
Research Services. The session will offer an overview of the NFRF Transformation 2022 funding opportunity, and advice and tips for developing a proposal based on the experience of past applicants, NFRF reviewers and recommendations from the funder. The presentation will be followed by time for questions. Everyone is welcome.

To join this session, please email ipd@ucalgary.ca to register by noon on Tuesday, September 28.

See the funding calendar entry here for more information on the webinar and competition requirements.

**Call for nominations – NSERC Awards for Science Promotion**

The NSERC Awards for Science Promotion focus on individuals and groups who are inspirational in the way they promote science to the general public.

**Deadline:** November 25. Please contact our Awards Specialist Danielle Demiantschuk for more details.

**VPR Catalyst Grants**

These $1K to $15K grants are designed to catalyze early-stage research initiatives that will lead to substantial external funding. Note the VPR’s office anticipates it will take slightly longer to communicate the results of this competition as a result of competing priorities. Applicants should be advised by mid-September. Please also note that RMS is not being used for VPR Catalyst Grant submissions at this time, however an approvals page with department head and ADR sign off is required for submission.

**Deadline:** November 15, 2021. More information is available at the program webpage.

**Mitacs – Globalink Award Thematic Call**

Mitacs has announced a special call for senior undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdoctoral scholars for funded research placements in four thematic areas:

- Advanced computing (quantum and AI)
- Achieving net zero (including environmental sustainability, future cities and IoT, water resources, and food security)
- Global health (including OneHealth, biomanufacturing, and innovations in therapies and prevention)

Awards of $6,000 CAD are available for 12-24 week placements at UCalgary or with participating international partners. Projects may be planned in advance provided they begin by February 2023; applications can be for individuals for teams of up to five. Details and lists of eligible partner institutions are online. **Applications are due by December 1.** Heather Clitheroe, International Coordinator, can provide assistance and advice.

**NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowships Program**

The Postdoctoral Fellowships program provides support to a core of the most promising researchers at a pivotal time in their careers. The fellowships are also intended to secure a supply of highly qualified Canadians with leading-edge scientific and research skills for Canadian industry, government, and academic institutions. For more details see the funding calendar entry here.

**Award:** $45,000 per year for 2 years

**Application Deadline:** Sunday, October 17, 2021

Contact: rsotrainee@ucalgary.ca
REMINDER: Eyes High Postdoctoral Match-Funding Program

This program will award partial salary support (up to $25,000) for postdocs who will be highly competitive for external awards and will help advance UCalgary’s strategic research and innovation plan. Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis.

This funding is intended for individuals who will be new postdocs at UCalgary at the start of their appointment.

Applications are to be submitted by the individual applying to be an Eyes High Postdoc, and not by their faculty supervisor.

More information on eligibility and how to apply can be found here. Deadline: November 5, 2021

Opportunities – Social Sciences

Test Your Concept Session: SSHRC Partnership Grants/Partnership Development Grants

Opportunity: Interested in applying for a SSHRC Partnership Grant or SSHRC Partnership Development Grant but don’t know where to start? Participate in a Test Your Concept session this fall! SUPPORT Committees are hosting a TYC session to engage with interested researchers interested to provide feedback and guidance early in the development process. Any faculty members interested in receiving feedback on a research proposal are encouraged to participate.

If you would like to participate in a Test Your Concept session, please:

- RSVP to ipd@ucalgary.ca indicating a preliminary project title and half-page Concept Summary. You will receive an email confirmation of your assigned timeslot.
- If your project is a re-submission, please submit an additional half-page (both sections should not exceed one-page total) outlining how the project has evolved since its first submission.
- Please note that Test Your Concepts are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. It is strongly recommended that you register early as sessions tend to fill up quickly.

Deadline to confirm Interest: Tuesday, October 19 by 9:00am

Date of Session: Friday, October 29, 10:00am – 12:30pm

REMINDER: Faculty of Arts SSHRC Insight Development Grant Session

Together with our panelists, we will discuss ideas for strengthening your application, strategies on how to write to the selection criteria, and other useful tips.

When: Tuesday, September 28, 2021
Where: online via Zoom
Time: 10 – 11.30 a.m.
Please RSVP to: artsrsvp@ucalgary.ca, including “SSHRC Insight Development Grant session” in the subject line. Zoom details will be shared three days before the session.

BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General: Crime Reduction Research Program (CRRP)

The intent of the CRRP is to explore and expand interest in focused research based in Canadian universities on crime reduction, policing, and public safety issues and to improve evidence-based decision making in criminal justice. The Office of Crime Reduction and Gang Outreach (OCR-GO) invites submission of research proposal that could support operational policing initiatives, policymakers, and other practitioners in the field of crime
reduction. OCR-GO is committed to supporting successful proposals in acquiring requisite data for their projects. **Subject to security requirements, police data can be provided as necessary.**

Research Services full application deadline is October 12, 2021 at 12:00pm. Contact: Lisa Singh

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**Did You Know?**

Visitors to campus must now provide proof of full vaccination with Health Canada approved vaccines or proof of a negative COVID-19 test completed within the previous 72 hours before coming to campus (tests from AHS or Alberta Precision Laboratories will not be accepted). These requirements apply to visitors aged 12 and above who are not UCalgary staff, students, or faculty members. Please review the information here: [https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/covidsafe-campus/visitor-information](https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/covidsafe-campus/visitor-information).

As part of this new requirement, verification of vaccination status or COVID-19 testing is required. Please contact sci.research@ucalgary.ca for information and assistance.

As well, if you are planning to invite international visitors for meetings or research purposes, consultation with HR Immigration is required; the Canadian border has opened to fully vaccinated travelers to come to Canada for discretionary/optional travel. Outbound international travel for university business for UCalgary faculty, staff, postdocs, and students is still limited. Please contact Heather Clitheroe, Faculty of Science International Coordinator for questions and assistance.