

**Early Career Researcher Workshop**

Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity  
Banff, Alberta

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026**

09:00 - 10:00am **RAPID ECR INTRODUCTIONS**

60-90 second introductions with one slide.

10:00 - 12:00pm

**ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH (Joint Session)**

**A) OVERVIEW OF PWLE ENGAGEMENT**

**Speaker Panel:** Michelle Nelson, Ada Tang

Historical overview of how PWLE Engagement has evolved over the last 5-10 years and the many roles PWLE play (i.e. advocate, collaborator, advisor) and how this has impacted design of trials.

**B) OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND PERSPECTIVES ABOUT PWLE ENGAGEMENT: ASPIRATIONS TO OPERATIONS**

**Speaker Panel:** Shannon Bayluk (PWLE), Kevin Moncion (ECR), Elise Wiley (Trainee), Jill Williamson (Research Coordinator)

**Moderator:** Patrice Lindsay

In this session, you will hear what Engagement means and how it is applied from panel members representing different perspectives, following by a Q&A session.

**C) DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING PWLE ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

In small groups, with at least one representative from each of the 4 workshops, groups will discuss a specific topic surrounding a real-life example of PWLE Engagement considerations.

**Moderators:** Kevin Moncion & Elise Wiley

12:00 - 1:00pm **LUNCH**

1:00 - 2:00pm

**THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING A LAB**

Moderators:

C. Morshead  
K. Moncion

**Speakers:** Marc Roig (McGill University)

Learn about what it takes to hire trainees, lab managers, and post-doctoral fellows and keep a lab functional and highly productive including fostering a positive culture and work environment.

2:00 - 3:00pm

**WRITING A COMPETITIVE AND FUNDABLE GRANT**

Moderators:

C. Morshead  
K. Moncion

**Speakers:** Lara Boyd (University of British Columbia), Jenna Millar (Grant Development Office, UCalgary)

Hear from a successful ECR and a member of the UCalgary Grant Development Office on what it takes to write a competitive and fundable grant including where to start, leveraging your institutions resources and assistance, when to stop re-applying, and building a long-term strategy.

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3:00 - 4:00pm

**MENTORSHIP: LESSONS FROM EXPERIENCE**

Moderators:

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K. Moncion

**Speaker Panel:** Janice Eng (University of British Columbia), Jordan Lee (Post-Doctoral Fellow, UCalgary)  
**And a discussion with:** Marc Roig (McGill University), Lara Boyd (University of British Columbia), Jenna Millar (Grant Development Office, UCalgary)

4:00 - 5:00pm

**INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT**

**Speakers:** Alexandra and Malcolm King

5:00- 6:00pm

**CONNECTING MINDS** (Sponsored by Alberta Innovates)

*Connecting Minds* is a welcoming space for early career researchers, senior researchers, trainees, research coordinators, and people with lived experience of stroke to connect and exchange ideas. Come meet new people, share perspectives, and explore opportunities to collaborate toward meaningful impact in stroke research and care.

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