

Early Career Researcher Workshop

Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity
Banff, Alberta

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026 – Kinnear Centre (Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity)

8:30am
WELCOME BREAKFAST
KC 101-103

09:00 - 10:00am
RAPID ECR INTRODUCTIONS
KC 201
60-90 second introductions with one slide.

10:00 - 12:00pm
ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH (Joint Session)
KC 303

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 (KC101-103)

1:00 - 2:00pm
THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING A LAB
KC 201
Speakers: Marc Roig (McGill University)

Moderators:
C. Morshead
K. Moncion

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
KC 201

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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MENTORSHIP: LESSONS FROM EXPERIENCE

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)

4:15 - 5:15pm

KC 303

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

This session will provide researchers, trainees, clinicians, policy makers and people with lived and living experience with a foundational overview of Indigenous history shaping current realities for First Nations, Métis and Inuit in Canada, as well as non-Indigenous Canadians, including Indigenous inherent rights, meaningful land acknowledgements, Indigenous data sovereignty and cultural safety, with an emphasis on respectful engagement in health research and patient partnership contexts.

Speakers: Alexandra and Malcolm King

5:15 - 6:00pm

KC 101-103

CONNECTING MINDS (Supported 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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