

ANNUAL REVIEW 2024-2025

POPULATION HEALTH AND AGING RURAL RESEARCH (PHARR) CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT OVERVIEW

The Population Health and Aging Rural Research (PHARR) Centre conducts community-driven, population health research informed by interdisciplinary innovation and lived experience to improve the health equity of rural older adults, including people living with dementia and their care partners.

Founded by Dr. Juanita-Dawne Bacsu in 2024, the PHARR Centre includes a diverse group of researchers from a variety of disciplines including population health, nursing, psychology, physiology, sociology, and social work. The PHARR Centre's four research areas include:

- Rural Aging in Place and Dementia Care
- Cognitive and Physical Health
- Stigma and Social In/Exclusion
- Navigation of Health and Social Care

Guided by a social-ecological approach, the PHARR Centre strives to improve older adults' health equity at the individual, community, and policy levels. The research team works collaboratively with community leaders, clinicians, older adults, and policymakers to develop innovative solutions to complex issues.

From 2024-2025, the PHARR Centre secured over \$855,000 in research grants, gave 39 presentations (17 conferences and 22 invited talks and community presentations), trained 24 research assistants (18 provincial and 6 national trainees), and completed 19 journal articles.

The PHARR Centre is building partnerships, hosting workshops, publishing research, securing grants, mentoring trainees, and developing its social media platform to support knowledge mobilization to enhance the health equity of rural older adults.



Photo of PHARR trainees and faculty members, Melba D'Souza, Claudia Gonzalez, Wendy Hulko, Juanita Bacsu, Anila Virani, and Mark Rakobowchuk

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Bacsu, J. D., Fraser, S. A., <u>Jamali, A. A., Conanan, C.</u>, Rahemi, Z., Chasteen, A. L., Vellani, S., <u>Gowda-Sookochoff, R., Berger, C., Mah, J. C.</u>, Fehr, F., Virani, A., <u>Nanson, K.</u>, Cammer, A., Andrew, M. K., <u>Grewal, K. S.</u>, McGilton, K., Lautrup, S., & Spiteri, R. J. (2025). Navigating awareness: Strategies to support dementia on social media during World Alzheimer's Month. West Coast Conference on Aging, Vancouver, BC. 19 June 2025.
- 2. Virani, A., Nagra, B., O'Mahony, J., Bacsu, J., Ghatore, J., Panda, S. (2025). Postpartum Depression in Social Media: An Infodemiology Study. Presented at the CNIA 2025 National Conference, Toronto. 5-6 Jun 2025.
- 3. Bacsu, J.-D., Nanson, K., Rahemi, Z., Webster, C., Norman, M., Stone, C., & Spiteri, R. J. (2025, April 22). Ageism and stigma of dementia during COVID-19. American Society on Aging Conference, Orlando, FL, 22 April 2025.
- 4. D'Souza, M. S., Gidda, R., McCarthy, A., Lalli, K., Brochu, L. and Nairy, A. (2025). Co-creating Community Engagement for Integrating Knowledge Translation in Action to Address Health Inequalities. International Collaboration for Community Health Nursing Research (ICCHNR), Theme: The Race to Address Health Inequalities: Community Nursing in the Lead, City St George's, University of London. 15 April 2025.
- 5. Bacsu, J.-D., Jamali, A. A., Lautrup, S., Conanan, C., Rahemi, Z., Fraser, S., Chasteen, A. L., Vellani, S., Gowda-Sookochoff, R., Berger, C., Mah, J., Fehr, F., Virani, A., Nanson, K., Cammer, A., Andrew, M., Grewal, K., McGilton, K. S., & Spiteri, R. J. (2025). Dementia advocacy strategies on social media. American Society on Aging Conference, Orlando, FL, United States. 22 April 2025.
- **6.** Virani, A., Killam, L., Graham, D., Lomen, J., Lundin, M., & Hulko, W. (2025). Development of a Virtual Simulation for Interprofessional Dementia Education. Paper presented at the Eighteenth International Conference on e-Learning & Innovative Pedagogies. National Changhua University of Education, Taiwan. 25-26 April 2025.
- 7. Bacsu, J., Nanson, K., Stone, C., Rahemi, Z., Norman, M., Webster, C. Spiteri., R.J. (2024). Examining stigma of dementia during COVID-19. Rural Dementia Care Summit, University of SK. 26 November 2024.
- **8.** Mirza, N., Gopalakrishnan, N., Mellett, K., Hulko, W., Gan, D., Wong, K. L. Y., Kupferschmidt, A. L., Lee, H. (2024). Creating digital stories on aging experiences. A rapid methodological review of development procedures, GSA Annual Scientific Meeting, Seattle, WA, 14 Nov 24.
- 9. Hulko, W. & Mirza, N. (2024). Co-creating educational materials with older adults and influencing health care decision-makers [Emancipatory Pedagogy Symposium Session]. GSA Conference, Seattle, WA. 17 Nov 24.
- **10. Bacsu, J.,** Buckley, H. (2024). Leadership excellence and advancement of directors (LEAD) Program: First insights from a new mentorship model, GSA Conference. Seattle, WA, 14 Nov 2024.
- **11. D'Souza, M., Bacsu, J.,** Sharma, A., Nairy, A. (2024). Cultural care of immigrant adults diagnosed with breast cancer: Systematic review. Transcultural Nursing Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, 23-26 October 2024.
- **12. Hulko, W.,** <u>Mellett, K.,</u> Mirza, N., & Hemingway, D. (2024). A senior that's all packaged up and not really, really hard": The socio-cultural side of primary and community care restructuring. Canadian Association for Social Work Education Conference, Montreal, QC. 18 Jun 24.
- 13. Bacsu, J., Andrews, M., Azizi, M., Berger, C., Cammer, A., Chasteen, A. L., Fraser, S., Green, S., Grewal, K. S., Gowda-Sookochoff, R., Mah, J. C., McGilton, K. S., Middleton, L., Nairy, A., Nanson, K., Spiteri, R. J., Tang, Y., O'Connell, M. E., Viger, M. (2024). Using Social Media to Understand COVID-19 Vaccine-Related Ageism. West Coast Conference on Aging. Vancouver, BC, 1 June 2024.
- **14.** Bacsu, J., Nairy, A., Viger, M. (2024). Improving the Health Equity of People with Dementia During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Social Determinants Approach. West Coast Conference on Aging. Vancouver, 1 Jun 24.
- **15.** Bacsu, J., Petrovsky, D.V., Sefcik, J. S., Rahemi, Z., Baker, Z. G., Ma, K., Smith, M. L. (2024). A New Mentorship Model to Advance Gerontology through Exceptional Scholarship (AGES). American Geriatrics Society Conference. Online/Virtual, 8 May 2024.
- **16. Bacsu, J.,** Rahemi, Z., Petrovsky, D.V., Sefcik, J. S., Baker, Z. G., Ma, K., Smith, M. L. (Submitted for review, 2024). Supporting Early Career Faculty in Geriatrics through a New Mentorship Model: Development, Implementation, and Evaluation. Canadian Geriatrics Society Conference. Calgary, Alberta, 25-27 April 2024.
- **17. Bacsu, J.,** Nanson, K., Stone, C., Rahemi, Z., Norman, M., Webster, C., Spiteri, R. J. (submitted for review, 2024). Understanding Stigma of Dementia during COVID-19: Implications and Mitigation Strategies. Canadian Geriatrics Society Conference. Calgary, Alberta, 25-27 April 2024.

INVITED TALKS & COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

- 1. Hulko, W. (2025). Interprofessional virtual simulation for critical dementia studies: AOGSW implications. Presentation for Anti-oppressive gerontological social work symposium. 16 Jun 2025.
- 2. Bacsu, J., D'Souza, Fehr, F., Nanson, K., Funk, M., Adeyemi-King, A., Pottle, A. Virani, A., Hulko, W., Gonzalez, C., Norman, M., Victor, S., Rakobowchuk, M. (2025). Addressing Stigma of Dementia on Social Media Workshop. Organized by the PHARR Centre. Sandman Kamloops, 14 May 2025.
- 3. Bacsu, J. (2025). Keynote Speaker: Dementia Memory Café Event. Summerland, BC. May 28, 2025
- 4. Bacsu, J. (2025). Keynote Speaker: Breakfast to Remember Gala. Alzheimer Society of B.C. Kelowna. Feb 27, 2025.
- 5. Hulko, W. (2025). Doing research with equity-denied groups. Guest lecture for HRSJ 5030, TRU. 14 Feb 25.
- **6. Bacsu, J.** (2025). Introduction to Grant Writing Workshop. Organized in collaboration with All My Relations, Knowledge Maker Volume 8 cohort, Special Edition of the Knowledge Maker Volume 8 Indigenous Woman, Indigenous People's food and Knowledge System and Climate Action. Online, February 21, 2025.
- 7. **Bacsu, J.** (2025). Introduction to Grant Writing Workshop. PHARR Centre, NPH 245. Snacks and advertising provided by All My Relations and TRU Research Services, February 4, 2025.
- 8. Bacsu, J. (2024). Introduction to Grant Writing. HLTH 6000, NPH 314 (Dr. Virani's Course), TRU, Nov 26, 2024.
- 9. Hulko, W. (2024). Analyzing quantitative data. Guest lecture for NUR 2300, TRU. 25 Nov 2024.
- **10. Bacsu**, **J.** (2024). Introduction to the LEAD Program. Center for Directors on Aging Meeting. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference, Seattle, WA, 14 Nov 2024.
- **11. Bacsu, J.,** Smith, M.L. (2024). Increasing Productivity in Academia. Mentoring Consultancies Workshop, GSA Conference, Seattle, WA, 15 Nov 2024.
- 12. Bacsu, J., Smith, M.L. (2024). AGES & AGES Legacy Workshop, GSA Conference, Seattle, WA, 15 Nov 24.
- 13. Hulko, W. (2025). Mobilising Aging in Place (MAP) Knowledge Summit: Kamloops Edition. Kamloops, 7 Nov 24.
- 14. Bacsu, J. (2024). Intro to Thematic Analysis. HLTH 6000, Zoom (Dr. Blackstock's seminar), TRU, 19Oct 2024.
- 15. Bacsu, J. (2024). PHARR Centre Presentation. Interior Health Research Week, Zoom, October 17, 2024.
- **16. Bacsu**, **J.** (2024). Rural Aging and Stigma of Dementia. Guest Lecture in Critical Dementia Studies Course. Wendy Hulko, Social Work. Thompson Rivers, October 10, 2024.
- 17. Hulko, W. (2025). Mobilising Aging in Place (MAP) Knowledge Summit. Vancouver/Zoom, October 10, 2024.
- **18. Bacsu, J.** (2024). Thematic Analysis Workshop. PHARR Centre, NPH 245. Snacks and advertising provided by All My Relations and TRU Research Services, TRU, October 3, 2024.
- **19. Hulko, W.** (2024). Dementia and equity-denied groups: What do we know and what should we do differently? Keynote lecture at Elder Care symposium, Cincinnati, OH. 12 Sept 24.
- **20.** Hulko, W. (2024). Aging and health equity for rural, small urban and Indigenous communities. Workshop for Elder Care Symposium, Cincinnati, OH. 12 Sept 24.
- **21.** Bacsu, J., D'Souza, Fehr, F., Nanson, K., Funk, M., Adeyemi-King, A., Pottle, A. Virani, A., Hulko, W., Gonzalez, C., Norman, M., Victor, S., Rakobowchuk, M. (2024). Developing a Research Agenda to Address Stigma of Dementia Workshop. Organized by the PHARR Centre. Sandman Signature Hotel Kamloops, September 5, 2024. https://youtu.be/1Wn-SeZYAJg
- **22. Bacsu, J.** (2024). Thematic Analysis Workshop. PHARR Centre. Old Main Location. Snacks and advertising provided by All My Relations and TRU Research Services, TRU, July 19, 2024.

RESEARCH GRANTS: \$857,000 AWARDED

- Bacsu, J. (PI). (2025-2030). Funding Award. Media embargo and blinded for confidentiality agreement until press release in fall 2025. Awarded: \$450,000.
- Bacsu, J. (PI). (2024-2028). New Investigator Award. Enhancing rural cognitive healthcare through lived experience: Care priorities, programs, and service needs. CIHR-Institute on Aging and Alzheimer Society of Canada. Awarded: \$200,000.
- 3. Bacsu, J. (PI), Co-Investigators: Blackstock, S., Hulko, W., Bethell, J., O'Connell, M.E., Middleton, L., Fraser, S., Viger, M. (2024-2025). Environmental Scan on Dementia Research in Canada: Research Gaps, Needs, and Opportunities for Innovation. CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grant.

 Awarded: \$100,000.
- **4. Bacsu, J.** (PI), Co-Investigators: D'Souza, M., Hulko, W., Virani, A., Robowchuk, M., Gonzalez, C. (2024-2025). Addressing stigma of dementia on social media. Micheal Smith Health Research BC and Alzheimer Society of B.C. Reach Grant. Awarded: \$20,000.
- **5. Hulko, W.** (PI). Building an anti-oppressive gerontological social work community of practice in Canada in collaboration with researchers, practitioners, and older adults. MSHR BC. Reach Grant. Awarded: \$20,000
- **6. D'Souza**, **M**. & **Bacsu**, **J**. (2025-2026). Design and development of an integrated navigation network for cancer-supportive care in rural British Columbia. TRU Internal Research Fund. Awarded: \$5,000.
- 7. Virani, A. (2025-2026). Identifying Dementia Prevention Education Materials For South Asians: A Scoping Review. TRU Internal Research Fund. Awarded: \$5,000.
- **8. Bacsu**, **J.** (2024-2025). UGRAF Grant. Thompson Rivers University. Awarded: \$6,000 (2 students, \$3,000 per person).
- 9. Bacsu, J. (2024-2025). TRU. Open Access Publication Fee Grant. Awarded \$3,000.
- 10. D'Souza, M., Bacsu, J. D. & Brochu, L., (2025-2026). Design and development of an integrated navigation network for cancer-supportive care in rural British Columbia, TRU Internal Research Fund. Awarded: \$5,000 CAD.
- 11. **D'Souza, M.,** Gidda, R., Smith, M. & McCarthy, A. (2-24-2025). International Knowledge Exchange Forum on novel advancements in interdisciplinary approaches to psychosocial oncology, SSHR Exchange Grant, \$3,000 CAD.
- **12. Bacsu**, **J.** (2024-2025). TRU. Internal Research Grant. Using Social Media to Understand Stigma of Dementia. Awarded: \$5,000.
- 13. Bacsu, J. (2024-2025). TRU. Graduate Research Assistant Fund (Megan Funk). Awarded: \$5,000.
- **14. Bacsu,** J. (PI), Co-Investigators: D'Souza, M., Hulko, W., Virani, A., Robowchuk, M., Gonzalez, C. (2023-2024). Developing a research agenda to address stigma of dementia in rural communities. Micheal Smith Health Research BC and Alzheimer Society of B.C. (2023-2024). C2 Grant. Awarded: \$15,000
- **15. Hulko, W.** (PI). D. Gan, K. Wong, N. Mirza, A. (2023-2024). MSHR Reach Award. Mobilizing Aging in Place (MAP) Project. Awarded: \$15,000

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles: 2024-2025

*PHARR trainees underlined and faculty bolded

- Bacsu, J., Jamali, A. A., Ménard, A., Fiske, D., O'Connell, M. E., Funk, M., Vellani, S., D'Souza, M. S., Fehr, F., Mah, J. C., Fraser, S. A., Chasteen, A. L., Andrew, M. K., Green, S., Mansourigovari, S., & Spiteri, R. J. (Accepted, 2025). Ageism During the 2024 United States Presidential Election: Thematic Analysis of Tweets. *The Gerontologist*.
- Bacsu, J., Mero, K., O'Connell, M. E., Bethell, J., Funk, M., Ménard, A., Norman, M., Blackstock, S., Mann, J., Hulko, W., D'Souza, M. S., & Fraser, S. (Submitted for review, June 12, 2025). Creating a Foundation to Advance Brain Health and Dementia Research Priorities in Canada: A Scoping Review of Reviews Protocol. *JMIR Research Protocols*.
- **3. Bacsu, J.,** <u>Berlinguette, C.,</u> Smith, M. L., <u>Stone, C.,</u> Vazquez, C., Singer, J., Rahemi, Z., <u>Funk, M.,</u> Abudu-Birresborn, D., & Chai, H. W. (Submitted for review, 2025). Examining the care priorities, programs, and service needs of rural people with cognitive impairment and dementia in Canada: A scoping review protocol. *BMJ Open*.
- **4. Virani, A.,** Kaur, H., Graham, D., Latham, M., Janes, D. (2025). Redesigning Healthcare Complexity Project Using WordPress: Nursing Students' Insights on Challenges and Successes. Ubiquitous Learning: An International Journal, 19 (1): 17-44. DOI: https://doi.org/10.18848/1835-9795/CGP/v19i01/17-44
- **5.** Mirza, N., Gopalakrishnan, N., Mellett, K., Hulko, W., Gan, D., Wong, K. L. Y., Kupferschmidt, A. L., Lee, H. (Under review, 2025). Creating digital stories on aging experiences. A rapid methodological review of development procedures. Manuscript under review by Aging and Social Change.
- 6. Hulko, W. & Mirza, N. (In press). "I think most of it comes down to the social determinants of health": Older adults' views on primary and community care restructuring. Ageing & Society.Funk, M., Bacsu, J., Virani, A., D'Souza, M., Rahemi, Z., Smith, M. (Accepted, 2025). Falls prevention in rural communities: A scoping review protocol. *JMIR Research Protocols*. DOI: 10.2196/63716. https://preprints.jmir.org/preprint/63716
- 7. Rahemi, Z., Bacsu, J., Shalhout, S. Z., Sabet, M., Sirizi, D., Smith, M. L., & Adams, S. A. (2024). Disparities in Advance Care Planning Across Rurality, Sociodemographic Characteristics, and Cognition Levels: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study. Journal of Ageing and Longevity, 4(4), 394-403. https://doi.org/10.3390/jal4040028
- 8. Bacsu, J., Mah, J. C., Jamali, A. A., Conanan, C., Lautrup, S., Berger, C., Fiske, D., Fraser, S. A., Virani, A., Fehr, F., Chasteen, A. L., Rahemi, Z., Vellani, S., Andrew, M. K., Cammer, A., Gowda-Sookochoff, R., McGilton, K. S., Nanson, K., Grewal, K. S., Spiteri, R. J. (2025). Stigma of Dementia on Social Media During World Alzheimer's Awareness Month: Thematic Analysis of Posts. JMIR formative research, 9, e72775. https://doi.org/10.2196/72775
- **9. Hulko, W.,** Mirza, N., Christianson, T., Nazemi, M., Vicic, A., & Bartle, E. (2024). A scoping review of dementia education programs to assess for the inclusion of culture. Dementia (London, England), 14713012241300592. Advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/14713012241300592
- **10. Gonzalez, C.,** Ranchod S, **Rakobowchuk, M.** (2024) Using multivariate partial least squares on fNIRS data to examine load-dependent brain-behaviour relationships in aging. *PLOS ONE 19*(10): e0312109. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0312109

- **11. Virani, A.,** Nagra, B., O'Mahony, J., **Bacsu, J.,** Ghatore, J. K., & Panda, S. (2024). Using YouTube Comments Data to Explore Postpartum Depression in Social Media: An Infodemiology Study. International *Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 21(11), 1526. https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph21111526
- **12. D'Souza, M. S., Bacsu, J.,** Sharma, A., & <u>Nairy, A. A.</u> (2025). Culturally Sensitive Approaches in Psychosocial Interventions to Enhance Well-Being of Immigrant Adults Diagnosed with Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 22(3), 335. https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph22030335
- 13. D'Souza, M. S., Apelegan, T. and Nairy, A. 2024. Experiences and meaningfulness of breast cancer survivorship care in improving the quality of life of immigrant women: a qualitative systematic review. Canadian Oncology Nursing Journal, 34 (3). DOI:10.5737/23688076343304.
- 14. Bacsu, J., Fraser, S. A., <u>Jamali, A. A., Conanan, C.,</u> Chasteen, A. L., Vellani, S., <u>Gowda-Sookochoff, R.</u>, <u>Berger, C., Mah, J. C.,</u> Fehr, F., Virani, A., Rahemi, Z., <u>Nanson, K.</u>, Cammer, A., Andrew, M. K., <u>Grewal, K. S.</u>, McGilton, K. S., <u>Lautrup, S.</u>, & Spiteri, R. J. (2024). Navigating Awareness and Strategies to Support Dementia Advocacy on Social Media During World Alzheimer's Month: Infodemiology Study. JMIR infodemiology, 4, e63464. https://doi.org/10.2196/63464
- **15.** Bacsu, J., Pottle, A., Fehr, F., Funk, M., Smith, M. L. (2024). Leveraging Review Protocols to Advance Implementation Science to Support Older Adults' Health Equity. Frontiers in Public Health. https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1457591/pdf
- **16. Bacsu, J.,** Heyn, P., Rahemi, Z., Brown, M. J., Petrovsky, D. V., Sefcik, J. S., Southerland, J. L., Holloway, J., Couch, E., Malatyali, A., Smith, M. L. (2024). Reframing and advancing academic mentorship to support new and early career faculty members. Health Behavior Research. https://newprairiepress.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1272&context=hbr
- 17. Bacsu, J., Spiteri, R. J., Nanson, K., Rahemi, Z., Webster, C., Norman, M., & Stone, C. (2024). Understanding stigma of dementia during COVID-19: a scoping review. Frontiers in psychiatry, 15, 1261113. https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyt.2024.1261113
- 18. Bacsu, J., Andrews, M., <u>Azizi, M.</u>, <u>Berger, C.</u>, Cammer, A., Chasteen, A. L., Fraser, S., Green, S., <u>Grewal</u>, K. S., <u>Gowda-Sookochoff, R.</u>, <u>Mah, J. C.</u>, McGilton, K. S., Middleton, L., <u>Nanson, K.</u>, Spiteri, R. J., <u>Tang</u>, <u>Y.</u>, O'Connell, M. E. (2024). Understanding vaccine ageism during the COVID-19 pandemic: Infodemiology study. The Gerontologist, 64(2), gnad061. https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnad061
- **19. Bacsu, J.,** Rahemi, Z., Petrovsky, D., Sefcik, J. S., Kwan Ma, K. P., Baker, Z. G., & Smith, M. L. (2024). Advancing Gerontology through Exceptional Scholarship (AGES): a Mentorship Initiative for Early Career Faculty. Canadian geriatrics journal: CGJ, 27(1), 80–84. https://doi.org/10.5770/cgj.27.700

PROVINCIAL STUDENT TRAINEES

TRAINEE	Level	Teaching	Outcomes	Supervisor	Start	End Date
1.Megan Funk	MSN/ RA Supervisor TRU	CIHR-funded Master's Student and GRA—training in community-based research, grants and manuscripts	CIHR Master's Award, Governor General's Gold Medal Award recipient, 4 Manuscripts submitted (3 in review, 1 accepted)	Bacsu	2023-09- 01	Ongoing
2.Kate Nanson	MSN/RA Supervisor TRU	CIHR-funded Master's Supervisor and GRA– teaching in grants, proposals, manuscripts, and scoping reviews .	3 manuscripts – BMJ Open, Frontiers in Psychology, and, and JMIR Aging.	Bacsu	2023-09- 01	Ongoing
3. Christine Conanan	MSN RA	Thematic analysis training, and manuscript co-authorship	2 publications – 2 twitter studies	Bacsu	2023-10- 01	2024-04- 01
4. Samantha Lautrap	BSN RA	UGRAF student, thematic analysis training, and manuscript preparation	2 publications – 2 twitter studies	Bacsu	2023-10- 01	2024-02- 30
5.Chantel Stone	Psychology Student	UGRAF student, scoping review training, thematic analysis training, and manuscript co-authorship	2 journal articles – scoping review protocol and full review	Bacsu	2023-10- 01	2024-02- 30
6. Ashwin Nairy	UBC BSc Student	Provided training in manuscript writing, thematic analysis and hosted a community-based workshop	CBR workshop and conference presentation	Bacsu	2024-05- 01	2024-09- 01
7. Ridah King	Psychology Student	Trained in thematic analysis, newsletters, posters, and reports	UGRAF, workshop, poster, 2 newsletters, 1 report	Bacsu	2024-07- 01	Ongoing
8. Stephanie Victor	BSc Student	Trained in website development, poster presentations, environmental scans, and manuscript preparation	UGRAF, workshop, website, poster presentation, and CIHR environmental scan.	Bacsu	2024-09- 01	2025-03- 01
9. Nisha Puthur Gopalakrish nan	Social Work Student	Trained in newsletter development, report writing, workshop planning, presentation experience, and manuscript preparation.	UGRAF, workshops, presentations, and manuscript support	Hulko	2024-09- 01	2025-03- 01
10. Kate Mellet	Social Work Student	Trained in newsletter development, report writing, workshop planning, presentation experience, and manuscript preparation.	Conference presentations, workshop, and manuscript	Hulko	2024-09- 01	2025-03- 01
11. Sepideh Mansourigovari	Computer Science Masters	RA trained on a Twitter study with codebook development, inductive coding, intercoder reliability, thematic maps, and manuscript preparation.	1 Twitter paper published	Bacsu	2024-09- 30	2025-01- 30
12. Dylan Fiske	BSc Student	Training in poster presentations, manuscript preparation, environmental scans, and scoping reviews.	UREAP TRU Grant and 2 manuscripts published	Bacsu & Rakobowchuk	2024-10- 20	Ongoing
13 . Kiana Mero	Psychology Student	Training in scoping reviews, conference abstracts, environmental scans, manuscripts, and CBR workshop.	Scoping review protocol publication	Bacsu	2025-01- 15	Ongoing
14. Cheltey Berlinguette	BSN Student	Training in scoping reviews, poster presentations, environmental scans, and manuscript preparation	1 manuscript, 1 poster, and 2 manuscripts in progress	Bacsu	2025-05- 01	Ongoing
15. Ava Ward	Psychology Student	Training in report templating, scoping review training, and CBR workshop.	Workshop	Bacsu	2025-05- 01	Ongoing
16 . Maya Kluch-Morrall	BSN Student	Training in newsletters, infographics, environmental scans, and CBR workshop work with graphic design.	PHARR Centre newsletter and graphic design poster	Bacsu	2025-05- 01	Ongoing
17. Ella Johnson	BSc Student	Training in scoping reviews, manuscript preparation, public speaking, posters, and CBR workshop.	Scoping review paper in progress and video being developed for workshop	Bacsu	2025-05- 01	Ongoing
18. Keziah Vogt	BSN Student	Training in manuscripts, environmental scans, and CBR workshop.	CBR Workshop and manuscript in progress	Bacsu	2025-05- 01	Ongoing

MEDIA COVERAGE

2025/05/28	Summerland Memory Cafe addresses stigma surrounding dementia, Penticton Western News, https://www.pentictonwesternnews.com/news/summerland-memory-cafe-addresses-stigma-surrounding-dementia-8036003		
2025/04/08	Memory Café Planned for Summerland, Summerland Review, https://www.summerlandreview.com/local-news/memory-cafe-planned-for-summerland-7933390		
2025/03/17	Breaking the Stigma of Dementia One Conversation at a Time. MSHR BC https://healthresearchbc.ca/news_article/breaking-the-stigma-of-dementia-one-conversation-at-a-time/		
2025/02/04	Unveiling Dementia Advocacy Strategies on Social Media. JMIR Media. https://youtu.be/1JWjxgJv5mc?feature=shared		
2025/02/27	Breakfast to Remember: Event Speakers. Alzheimer Society of B.C. https://alzheimerbc.akaraisin.com/ui/BreakfasttoRemember2025Kelowna/EventDetails		
2024/12/12	Latest funding results of the Alzheimer Society Research Program. https://alzheimer.ca/en/research/alzheimer-society-research-program/latest-funding-results		
2024/11/29	TRU Researchers Win Micheal Smith Awards. Education News Canada. https://educationnewscanada.com/article/education/level/university/1/1114417/tru-research-bc-awards.html		
2024/04/24	TRU board gives approval to new aging health research centre. Castanet. https://www.castanet.net/news/Kamloops/479452/TRU-board-gives-approval-to-new-aging-health-research-centre		
2024/03/28	Board approves health research centre for rural, older adults https://inside.tru.ca/2024/03/28/board-approves-research-health-centre-for-rural-older-adults/		

Required Reporting

Required Reports	Deadline			
CIHR Directors of the Canadian Research Centres on Aging Bi-Annual Report	November 14, 2024			
CIHR Dementia Funders Alliance Update Presentation (verbal report)	May 2025			
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