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## PDAC Newsletter February 2023

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### PDAC Events

#### Upcoming workshop

A promotional banner for a workshop. On the left, it features the logos for 'APEX Access Program' (Alberta Precision Exchange) and 'PDAC' (The Postdoctoral Fellows Association of the University of Calgary). The text reads 'present CRAFTING IMPACTFUL RESEARCH PROPOSALS' in a mix of blue and red fonts. Below this, it says 'Strategies for writing effective grants and EDI statements' and 'Featuring Dr. Ian Lewis'. Dr. Lewis's name and title are listed: 'Associate Professor, Biochemistry, University of Calgary, APEX Director'. The date and time are 'March 3, 2023, 1:30 - 3:00 pm' at the 'University of Calgary, Bio Sciences Room 211'. It notes a 'Hybrid format' and provides the website 'albertaprecisionexchange.ca/access-program-workshops'. On the right, there is a circular portrait of Dr. Ian Lewis, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a dark shirt, set against a background of a forest and mountains. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the banner.

Dr. Ian Lewis is an Associate Professor in Biochemistry at the University of Calgary as well as the Director of the Alberta Centre for Advanced Diagnostics, an organization designed to connect researchers with facilities, resources, and partnerships in the Alberta diagnostic ecosystem. Dr. Lewis currently oversees over 30 researchers and \$20M in funding across several large-scale research projects that are directly integrated with Alberta's clinical testing laboratories. In this workshop, Dr. Lewis will present strategies that have helped him successfully obtain large-scale collaborative grants that involve industry partners and internationally recognized research institutions, including Harvard University and the Broad Institute. This workshop will

[Register here](#)

**Past workshop: PDAC annual tax event with Kim Smith and Peter Teunissen, CPA, CA**

[Watch the recording here](#)

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## PDAC News

**Congratulations to the 2023 Postdoctoral Research Slam  
Winners!**

**1st place: Dr. Michelle Hawks, Werklund School of Education**

*Are past math classes haunting us? Using history to explore ideas of intelligence in math*

**2nd place: Dr. Daniel Comadurán Márquez, Cumming School of Medicine**

*Brain-controlled devices for playing sport*

**3rd place: Dr. Meaghan Perdue, Cumming School of Medicine**

*Reading isn't as easy as A-B-C: Looking into the brain to understand reading disability*

**Got news or an exciting accomplishment to share?**

Make sure to share your opportunities on our Slack channels or email us so we can publish them on our website and social media!

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Looking for funding and professional development opportunities?

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Let's talk about mental health and well-being

The University of Calgary offers mental health resources for postdocs. You can contact Amanda Habiak, Mental Health Consultant, and check out the Mental Health Resources page for more information.

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Working late or feeling at risk on campus? Use the UCalgary Alertus Emergency app and make sure you have Campus Security contact info saved in your phone.

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