



**Pediatric Spinal Neurosurgeon Position
Department of Clinical Neurosciences
Cumming School of Medicine and Alberta Health Services (Calgary Zone)**

The Department of Clinical Neurosciences (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/dcns/>) at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary, in partnership with the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI) invites applications for a position at the rank of Clinical Assistant or Associate Professor.

Required qualifications include an MD and Canadian Royal College specialist certification in Neurosurgery. The candidate must have a dedicated clinical fellowship in pediatric spine surgery in which a significant and demonstrable amount of pediatric deformity spine surgery (including early-onset, congenital, neuromuscular, and idiopathic scoliosis) was included and led to independent competence with the spectrum of disease presentation (may be expected or in progress but complete before commencing). The candidate must be eligible for licensure in the Province of Alberta. A strong track record of scholarly activity, with 6 or more peer-reviewed publications, is desired in the preferred candidate.

The successful candidate will join the Section of Neurosurgery at the University of Calgary. The position will be based at the Alberta Children's Hospital. The successful candidate will be expected to provide exceptional clinical care focused on pediatric spinal deformity surgery and to participate in acute care coverage for pediatric neurosurgery and pediatric spinal pathology.

The candidate will collaborate with an orthopedic surgeon similarly focused on pediatric spine surgery and will function in a multidisciplinary setting which includes engagement of physical medicine and rehabilitation, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work and orthotics. They will also be supported by the pediatric neurosurgery program which includes three additional neurosurgeons and the University of Calgary spine program, which includes four neurosurgeons, and six orthopedic surgeons focused on spine surgery with diverse interests spanning a large spectrum of subspecialty interests in the field.

The ideal candidate will dedicate 70% of their time to clinical work but protected time for academic activity can be negotiated depending on the candidate's track record and academic plan. This position will be a major clinical appointment at the University of Calgary. Conversion to a GFT appointment can be a consideration in the future. Start-up funding commensurate with an appropriately developed academic plan can be considered. The candidate will also be expected to participate in teaching medical students, residents, clinical and research fellows, and graduate students. The successful candidate is expected to start their position between July 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025 (negotiable).

Salary support will be through an Academic Medicine Health Services Plan (AMHSP) supported by Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services and the Cumming School of Medicine.



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The Section of Neurosurgery benefits from affiliation with both the Hotchkiss Brain Institute and the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute at the University of Calgary. Either Institute will engage the appropriate clinician scientist applicant.

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Interested applicants should contact Dr. Steve Casha (scasha@ucalgary.ca) for further information.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, CV, a statement of clinical and research/education interests (not to exceed 2 pages) and the names of three (3) referees, by March 1, 2025 to:

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In this context, at the time of your application, please answer the following question: Are you a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada? (Yes/No)