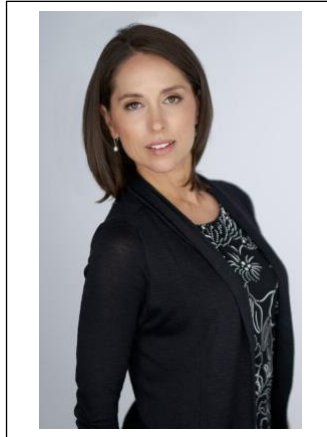




**Massey College and Friends of CIHR are pleased to announce  
Dr. Meghan Azad as the 2023 Janet Rossant Lecturer\***



**Dr. Meghan Azad, PhD**

Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health, University of Manitoba  
Director of Science & Knowledge Mobilization, THRiVE Discovery Lab  
Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Developmental Origins of Chronic Disease

***Title of Talk: “Modeling Milk & Microbes: new approaches to understanding how  
breastfeeding supports the infant microbiome and lifelong health”***

***Date: TBA***

**Dr. Meghan Azad** is Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health at the University of Manitoba, where she holds a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Developmental Origins of Chronic Disease. Her research program is focused on the role of infant nutrition and the microbiome in child growth, development and resilience. Dr. Azad co-Directs the new Manitoba Interdisciplinary Lactation Centre (MILC) and leads the new International Milk Composition (IMiC) Consortium. She serves as Deputy Director of the CHILD Cohort Study, a national pregnancy cohort following 3500 children to understand how early life experiences shape lifelong health. Research in the THRiVE Discovery Lab is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Azad serves on the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation Executive Council and the joint US/Canada Human Milk Composition Initiative. She is a Fellow of the CIFAR Humans and the Microbiome Program and an elected member of the Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars. Dr. Azad received the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation Erlich-Koldovsky Early Career Investigator Award (2018) and the International Human Milk Genomics Mid-Career Investigator Award (2020). She was named among the WXN Canada Top 100 Most Powerful Women (2020) and Canada’s Top 40 Under 40 (2021), and received the prestigious Steacie Award for Research in the Natural Sciences (2023).

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