

Dr. Jaime Kaufman is an experienced research leader with over a decade of experience advancing health systems innovation at the University of Calgary. Since 2014, she has contributed to the success of the W21C Research and Innovation Centre, most recently serving as Director, where she has played a key role in shaping strategic priorities, building partnerships, and leading multidisciplinary teams to improve patient safety and healthcare quality.

At W21C, Dr. Kaufman led organizational strategy and operations, supporting research and innovation initiatives across academia, industry, and the public sector. Her leadership has contributed to securing competitive funding and fostering collaborations with partners such as Alberta Health Services, government agencies, and national and international research organizations.

In December 2025, Dr. Kaufman transitioned to a new role as Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships with the **O'Brien Institute for Public Health** within the **Cumming School of Medicine** at the University of Calgary, where she will continue to advance research excellence, innovation, and impact in population and public health.

Dr. Kaufman holds a **PhD in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases** from the University of Calgary, where she specialized in bacterial genetics, complemented by post-doctoral research in large-scale data analysis of the human microbiome. She has also pursued professional training in innovation governance, leadership, and reconciliation, reflecting her commitment to inclusive and forward-thinking research leadership.