



## **Aaron Goodarzi** Class of 1995

### ***Post-Secondary Education***

Bachelor of Science (Honours) – Biochemistry  
University of Calgary

PhD  
University of Calgary

### ***Profession***

Assistant Professor

After graduating from Rundle College in 1995, Aaron obtained a BSc in Biochemistry with First Class Honours in 1999 from the University of Calgary and graduated with a PhD in the subject of the human cellular response to radiation exposure in 2005, also from the University of Calgary. Between 2005 and 2010, Aaron obtained postdoctoral training in advanced microscopy and radiation biology at the world-renown Genome Damage and Stability Centre at the University of Sussex (UK), publishing a large number of scientific articles. In 2011, he returned to Canada and started his own laboratory at the University of Calgary's School of Medicine. In 2014, he won the "Leon Browder Rising Star Award" for outstanding achievement and earned the position of Assistant Professor in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology department at the School of Medicine. In 2015, he was featured by Avenue Magazine as a "Top 40 Under 40" award winner and, in 2016, was selected by the University of Calgary senior leadership for a "Peak Scholar Award - Recognizing Excellence in Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Knowledge Engagement", specifically for his efforts in public awareness of the health hazards associated with radon gas in Alberta. Today, Aaron is the Education Director of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute, and is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in how ionizing radiation impacts the DNA of our cells.

