



CALL FOR PAPERS | PROPOSALS FOR SESSIONS

Resetting Canada's Immigration Plan and Program for a New Era

The 27th Edition of Metropolis Canada
Canada's largest annual Conference on Immigration
and Integration

The Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto
March 13-15, 2025

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Canada's immigration ecosystem is undergoing significant changes, shaped by evolving public discourse, ongoing economic challenges, and social realities. As the nation's immigration planning now combines permanent residents and temporary workers, it is critical to revisit policies and practices that align with economic, social, and humanitarian goals.

The 27th annual edition of the National Metropolis will provide a platform for exploring critical questions about the future of immigration in Canada, with a focus on best practices, research, and collaborative strategies for shaping a sustainable and inclusive immigration system. This conference invites proposals that offer recommendations, innovative insights and actionable solutions on several pressing issues.

Key Themes and Topics:

The conference will focus on the following themes, and we encourage proposals that address any of these topics through workshops, roundtables, or panel presentations:

1. Immigration Levels Plan and Governance: A Long-Term Vision

Discuss the implications of Canada's new levels plan, which includes controlled targets for temporary residents and a shift toward sustainable population growth, with an eye on economic and social prosperity. Examining the impact on economic migrants, family reunification and refugee admission.

2. The Contribution of Immigration to Canada

Explore how immigration drives economic success and what measures are necessary to ensure Canada remains competitive in attracting global talent. How can we expand knowledge about migration, settlement, and integration to improve public understanding and create more informed policies and practices? Strategies for effectively sharing research and best practices to support newcomers and the sector in a rapidly changing environment.

3. Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Immigrants in Canada

Look at how innovation and technology can enhance business and entrepreneurship opportunities for immigrants in Canada. Highlight innovative applications of technology in support of integration and settlement including language training. Addressing the needs of newcomers by fostering inclusive economic growth across Canada.

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4. Addressing Polarization and Rising Anti-Immigrant Sentiment

Identify and document the growing anti-immigrant sentiment and its impact on Canadians. Promote collaboration between stakeholders—service providers, policymakers and researchers—to combat discrimination and racism aimed at newcomers. Examine new ways to frame cross-cultural dialogues to counteract the adverse effects of polarization.

5. Cross-Sectoral Collaboration for Long-Term Growth

How can federal, provincial, and local stakeholders work together to improve the capacity for welcoming newcomers, particularly in sectors critical to Canada's long-term development. Focusing on key issues in integration and settlement such housing and health care.

6. Francophone Immigration

Examine the settlement and inclusion of Francophone immigrants in Canada and support for francophone communities outside of Quebec. Highlight best practices for inclusive services, and strengthen community support for Francophone immigrants across Canada. Exploring innovative approaches to foster belonging, language retention and facilitate pathways to social and economic well-being.

Submission Guidelines

We invite proposals for workshops, panel sessions, presentations, and roundtables that foster discussion, innovation, and networking among policymakers, service provider organizations (SPOs), researchers, and other stakeholders in the immigration sector. Submissions should include:

- **Title of the Proposal**
- **Summary (50-100 words)**
- **Proposed Format:** Workshop, roundtable, or individual or panel presentation
- **Objectives:** What knowledge or skills participants will gain
- **Relevance to Conference Themes**
- **Presenter Information:** Name, affiliation, and contact details

Important Dates:

- **Submission Deadline:** December 6, 2024
- **Notification of Acceptance:** December 9, 2024
- **Conference Dates:** March 13-15, 2025

WORKSHOP FORMATS

Workshops/panel presentation sessions (75 minutes)

Workshops will usually consist of a minimum of three to a maximum of five presentations of approximately 15 minutes each followed by at least 20 minutes of discussion. Workshop rooms will be equipped with a laptop, screen, and projector. Workshop organizers will preside over the session or designate another individual to do so.

Roundtables (75 minutes)

The roundtable format is suitable for more informal discussions of emerging issues or controversies. Roundtables are intended to facilitate discussion to a greater extent than time may permit in workshop/panel presentation type sessions. It is a very effective format for the exchange of information and experiences among all participants attending the session.

Poster presentations

Poster sessions provide an alternative format through which conference participants can share research which has not been otherwise presented. Posters should provide some conclusive results, even if preliminary. Poster presenters must provide their own display materials of a maximum of 4' high and 3.5' wide posters.



IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

In order to open as many opportunities as possible for the most participants, we ask that:

- Participants may organize more than one workshop to a maximum of three but on different topics.
- An organizer can choose to participate in additional workshops as a chair, participant or discussant.
- Each person listed as an organizer, participant, chair or discussant in a workshop **must register to the conference either as a day or full conference participant and pay the applicable registration fees**. Please inform your presenters of this requirement when inviting them to participate in your workshop.
- If you are interested in presenting a paper, we strongly encourage you to solicit colleagues from your area of expertise and from different sectors to submit a workshop proposal. If you do not have the ability to put together a workshop proposal with other colleagues but you are still interested in presenting a paper, a research project or another presentation, please consider selecting a "poster presentation option" format when prompted. If you submit an individual paper we will try if possible to group you in a session on the general theme of your paper.
- An Adjudication Committee will meet to review the workshop proposals after the submission deadline. The Adjudication Committee will consider proposals that include a clear title, abstract and summary as well as a list of at least three confirmed presenters.

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The Adjudication Committee will place priority on:

- Workshops that have confirmed and combined presenters from the three sectors: academic, non-governmental (NGO, Community organizations or immigrant service provider organization) and government policy maker, researcher or other government employee
- Workshops that involve graduate students.
- Workshops that bring perspectives of those with lived experience and that include diverse representation.

Please note that all presenters are required to register and pay the conference registration fee as posted on the conference website.

Session organizers will be required to provide the information listed below during the submission process via our website:

- Name and contact information
- Format of your session (workshop or roundtable)
- Theme (from the 5 above) in which the session falls under
- Title of your session
- Names of co-organizers (if applicable)
- Names of presenters including their affiliation, email address and titles of their presentation
- 50-word abstract which will be included in the program (please make sure it is descriptive but is also formulated to interest as many conference participants as possible)

Please note that the information you provide us will be included in the conference program. Please verify the spelling of your presenters' names and the titles of their presentations.

If you are organizing a session with both English AND French presentations, we ask that you provide us with the translation of the title and 50-word abstract for the program.