

Beyond 2020: Renewing Canada's Commitment to Immigration



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Objectives of the workshop program

A main objective of the Metropolis Canada Conference on immigration is to facilitate dialogue and exchange between researchers, government, and non-government (community and private) sector partners. For this reason, we strongly encourage you to include participants from each of the three sectors in your workshop proposal. Another objective of the workshop program is to explore issues that are national in scope or that can be compared across the provinces and territories. Ideally workshops would have a geographic range of at least two areas.

We encourage you to include participants from various regions of Canada to provide a comparative or national perspective on the issues being discussed in your workshop. We also encourage you to support the next generation of immigration and diversity researchers by including graduate students in your workshop. Please note that individual proposals will not be accepted; if you wish to make an individual presentation, please consider submitting a poster presentation.

Workshop formats

– Workshops (90 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, microphone and projector. Workshop organizers will preside over the session or designate another individual to do so.

– Roundtables (90 minutes)

The roundtable format is suitable for more informal discussions of emerging issues or controversies. It is a very effective format for the exchange of information and experiences among a relatively small number of people. The organizer or designated person chairs the roundtable with up to a maximum of 7 other discussants. The 8 person limit per roundtable discussion is recommended because of the actual physical arrangement of the tables around which the discussions will take place. Extra chairs will be available. Please note that the roundtables take place in one large room, with multiple discussions taking place simultaneously and no audio-visual equipment will be made available.

– Poster Sessions

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.

* If you are interested in presenting a paper, we strongly encourage you to solicit colleagues from your area of expertise in order to submit a workshop proposal. If you do not have the time or the contacts to put together a workshop proposal but you are still interested in presenting your paper, please consider selecting a "poster presentation option" format when prompted.

Important points to remember

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

- Organizers promote the participation of as many different presenters as possible;
 - Participants may organize more than one workshop but on different topics;
 - An organizer can choose to participate in additional workshops as a chair, participant or discussant;
 - If you are listed as a presenter in more than one workshop, we may ask you to choose the workshop that you would prefer to participate in;
 - Each person listed as an organizer, participant, chair or discussant in a workshop must register to the national 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.
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Themes

We will be accepting workshop proposals on themes related to immigration and diversity in Canadian society, with the central theme being [Beyond 2020: Renewing Canada's Commitment to Immigration](#)

Some suggested topics include:

- **Selection** (Demography Challenges, Policies and Programs)
 - Human mobility & resilience (institutional, individual, community),
 - Express entry
 - International students
 - Refugees
 - Temporary Foreign Workers
 - Families
 - Retention
 - Population Growth Strategies

- **Governance**
 - Intergovernmental Cooperation on immigration and integration
 - Immigration and the specific role of Municipalities
 - Immigration Law
 - Ongoing Challenges Confronting SPOs
 - The Role of the business community
 - Best Practices in governing migration
 - Immigrant attraction and promotion

- **Settlement and Access to Services**
 - Housing
 - Health
 - Employment
 - Employment Training
 - Language Instruction

- **Identities and Migration History**
 - The Changing Composition of Canada
 - Measuring Social Integration (the General Social Survey)
 - Gender and Migration
 - Multiple Diversities
 - Immigration and Official Language Minorities
 - Entrepreneurs
 - Accommodation
 - Immigration History and Immigrant Narratives
 - Equity and Inclusion

Selection criteria

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.

– The Adjudication Committee will place priority on:

- Workshops that have confirmed presenters from the three sectors: academic, non-governmental and government policy;
- Workshops that involve graduate students.;
- Workshops that bring perspectives of those with lived experience and that include diverse representation;
- Workshops that include participants across various regions of Canada or the world.

Submit your proposal

Please note that you will be required to provide the information listed below during the submission process via our website (www.metropolisconference.ca):

- Name and contact information;
- Format of your session (workshop or roundtable);
- 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);
- 250-word background/context for consideration by the Adjudication Committee.

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.

Extension final deadline: December 2, 2019
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