Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education Annual Conference

Saturday, May 27 - Tuesday, May 30, 2023

CALL FOR CONFERENCE SUBMISSIONS

The [Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education](#) (CSSHE) invites you to participate in its annual conference in 2023, to be held as part of the [Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences 2023 (Congress)](#) at York University's Keele and Glendon campuses.

CSSHE invites proposal submissions from researchers, practitioners, graduate students, and policymakers in higher education and related disciplines. CSSHE welcomes cross-sector and multi-actor engagement between and across scholars, practitioners, policy-makers, administrators, activists, and the media.

The 2023 Congress theme ***Reckonings and Re-imaginings*** invites members of the social sciences and humanities community to re-consider how we can reflect on our knowledge toward taking actions to build and engage in a more diverse, sustainable, and equitable society and world for the future. In line with [CSSHE's Strategic Plan](#), the theme encourages and strengthens our commitment to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization (EDID), and on Black and Indigenous experiences and scholarships in higher education in Canada. We are delighted to welcome you back to an in-person conference after three years, while keeping the virtual portion of the conference with the potential to open up CSSHE to a wider diversity of people and topics and try our best to accommodate people's needs with time and location. CSSHE 2023 will continue using the online platform provided by Congress, called [Forj](#) for virtual components of the conference.

Proposal submissions can be made **November 7, 2022 - December 16, 2022,** through [the CSSHE Conference OCS website](#). The online platform is open until 23.59 PST on December 16, 2022. We invite submissions to either an individual presentation or for a self-organized whole session. All submissions will go through an anonymous peer-review process. We welcome submissions that make creative and effective use of the virtual format, and which demonstrably support EDID and Black and Indigenous experiences and scholarships in Canada.

The conference will have three delivery modes: 1) **on-demand sessions** (pre-recorded presentations), 2) **live sessions in-person** (some sessions available for live-streaming), and 3) **virtual live sessions** (streamed on the Forj platform). *While CSSHE now has two years of experience hosting virtual conferences, we have limited experience of hosting a hybrid conference, which involves significant challenges. Therefore, while the CSSHE 2023 will include some virtual elements, we expect that CSSHE 2023 will be predominantly in-person with live-streaming sessions for a synchronous virtual audience and pre-recorded sessions for asynchronous participation.* CSSHE will be using six types

of presentations for our conference: paper presentation, roundtable presentation, poster presentation, workshop, ignite presentation, and innovative format.

CSSHE Conference Submission System (OCS)

http://ocs.sfu.ca/leadingchange/index.php/csshe2022/2023

If you submitted a proposal online using OCS in the past, you will already have an account in the system; you must log in with this account and submit for the new conference. If it is the first time that you use the CSSHE Open Conference Submission system, you must use "Not a user? Create an account with this site." Create your username and specify a password. The information that is entered here is what will be used in the Conference Program for your name, title, and institutional affiliation. Additionally, the email address that you submit is the one that we will use for correspondence regarding your proposal submission or review assignments. **When you create your account, please be sure to indicate if you would like to be a Reader, Author, or Reviewer.** *Please note that all authors are expected to also serve as a peer reviewer. If you subsequently forget your password, you can retrieve it by clicking "Forgot Your Password." You will enter your email and the system will email your reset password to you.

You will need to complete a series of steps to submit your proposal including:
- Track;
- Session type and delivery mode;
- Ethical practices statements;
- Proposal content as an attachment (Microsoft Word compatible documents only);
- Proposal authors' contact information;
- Title and 50-word abstract (the abstract will be used in the program to describe your work.);
- Submit.

Please note that by submitting a proposal you agree to and understand the following:

- All proposals should be original work and not have been previously presented at any other conferences or published. Proposals can only be submitted once. Do not submit the same proposal to more than one track.
- If you need help choosing the most appropriate track, please email the conference committee at csshe2022@gmail.com. The Conference Committee reserves the right to reassign proposals to a different track in order to facilitate session creation.
- You will be asked to indicate your mode of presentation between in-person presentation, virtual live presentation (synchronous), and on-demand recording (asynchronous). We expect the CSSHE 2023 to be predominantly in-person, with limited spaces for virtual live presentations.
- The text is single-spaced; uses a 12-point font; employs italics rather than underlining (except with URL addresses). References, tables, charts, graphs, images, and figures should be added to the end of the document and are not included in the word count.

- The text is APA formatted, consistent with the *Canadian Journal of Higher Education*.
- Participants should plan to present in no more than two sessions as the primary author/presenter and no more than three sessions in total. This includes all session formats. Please keep this in mind as you submit proposals or agree to be a participant in a collaborative submission. Our intention is to ensure maximum opportunity for all participants to be involved in presenting.
- A current CSSHE membership is required of **all proposal authors and co-authors at the time of proposal submission.**
- All those featured on the conference program 1) must register for the CSSHE conference prior to the deadline for presenters, 2) must have current CSSHE membership, and 3) must register for Congress. Contributors to the work but who will not be presenting should be acknowledged for their contributions in the presentation but will not appear on the program, unless registered.

Conference Tracks

To foster robust, inclusive and wide-ranging discussions, CSSHE 2023 will feature a wide array of tracks. When you submit, you will be asked to select the track that is the closest fit to your submission.

Indigeneity and Indigenous education, as well as EDID, are core and central to all of these higher education tracks and are thus crosscutting rather than siloed topics in the context of current higher education issues. Similarly, higher education is inclusive of a broad range of postsecondary institutions, including but not exclusive to public and private colleges, CÉGEPs, polytechnics, university colleges, universities, as well as informal and non-formal adult learning environments.

The tracks are:
- Academic Professions and Pathways
- Administration, Leadership, Organizations, and Institutional Change
- Community Engagement and Partnerships
- Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning
- Educational Sociology and Anthropology
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization
- History and Philosophy of Higher Education
- International and Comparative Higher Education
- Policy, Governance, Funding, and Planning
- Student Access, Pathways and Transitions
- Student Development, Experiences and Services
- Theories and Methods in Understanding Higher Education
- Educational Technology
- Open

Types of Presentations and Proposal Submission

CSSHE 2023 conference presentation types include **paper presentation, roundtable presentation, poster presentation, workshop, ignite session, and innovative format**.

Proposal submission can be made in two types, **individual proposal submission** and **self-organized panel session proposal submission**. An **individual proposal** refers to the submission of a single paper proposal of one author or multiple authors, which will be grouped into sessions based on research topics and themes by the conference committee. A **self-organized panel session** provides an opportunity for coordinated interaction and exchange among presenters working on a common set of themes, questions, or problems related to either research or practice. The whole session proposal will be made by a session organizer and include three or four individual papers as a unit to take up the 75 minutes session during the conference.

1. Paper presentation

A paper session is a collection of three or four paper presentations organized around a connected theme. Each presenter has up to 15 minutes and will usually use slides or other visuals to present a summary of their work. Paper sessions last for 75 minutes, with the remaining time used for Q&A, discussion, and feedback.

Paper presentation accepts both individual and whole session submission

*Information needed for **individual proposals**

1. Title of your submission
2. A 50 word abstract of your submission to be included in the program
3. A proposal up to 500 words that should contain as many of the following as are applicable, preferably in this order:
   a. Statement of the purpose or goals of the research;
   b. Summary of the theoretical or conceptual foundation for the work;
   c. Description of the methodology being used and the project findings (if applicable);
   d. Theoretical and/or practical significance and implications of the research;

References may be included and are not included in the word count.

*Information needed for **panel session proposals**

1. Title of the session and titles of papers included
2. A 50-word abstract of the session that describes each paper to be included in the program
3. A whole session summary describing the objectives of the session in the context of the chosen topic, the research question, and the session's relevance to higher education (up to 500 words);
4. Abstracts up to 500 words for each of the individual papers that are sought for the session.

The person submitting the whole session proposal will become the session chair and will be responsible for finding a discussant if needed.

During submission, the chair will indicate whether the session will be on-demand or live. The format of the session will depend on the delivery mode selected:

- For on-demand panels, the presentations will be recorded in advance (up to 15 minutes per presentation) and made available on the conference portal. There will be no timed slot provided in the program so that delegates can watch the recordings at their convenience.
- For live sessions, presentations (up to 15 minutes per presentation) will be given during the 75 minute panel time.

2. Roundtable presentation

Roundtables offer an interactive space to exchange and share ideas and are typically used to discuss work in progress or topical issues. Roundtables last for 75 minutes in which up to four presenters discuss the selected issue and engage the audience in conversation. Roundtables do not feature formal presentations or slides (such formats are better suited to a formal paper).

Roundtable presentation accepts only individual submission

Information needed for **roundtable presentation proposals**

1. Title of your submission
2. A 50-word abstract of your submission to be included in the program
3. A proposal up to 500 words that should contain as many of the following as are applicable, preferably in this order:
   a. Statement of the purpose or goals of the research;
   b. Summary of the theoretical or conceptual foundation for the work;
   c. Description of the methodology being used and the project findings (if applicable);
   d. Theoretical and/or practical significance and implications of the research;

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3. Workshop

Workshops provide an opportunity for attendees to engage with and learn through training or professional development on a topic relevant to higher education. Workshops last for **60 minutes** and will be timetabled as part of the main conference program (i.e. there will be no pre-conference workshops).

Workshop accepts only individual submission

Information needed for **workshop proposals**

1. Title of your submission
2. A 50-word abstract of your submission to be included in the program
3. A summary of 300-500 words that explains the purpose of the workshop, identifies learning objectives, and includes a delivery plan to reach expected outcomes

References may be included and are not included in the word count.

4. Poster presentation

Posters are a visual summary of a current or completed research/policy/practice project. Posters will be exhibited electronically in a designated area of the CSSHE conference portal and will be available to view throughout the conference. Time will be allocated during the conference for delegates to meet with poster creators to discuss their work and ask questions.

Poster presentation accepts only individual submission

Information needed for **poster proposals**

1. Title of your submission
2. A 50-word abstract of your submission to be included in the program
3. A proposal of 300-500 words that should contain as many of the following as are applicable, preferably in this order:
    a. Statement of the purpose or goals of the research;
    b. Summary of the theoretical or conceptual foundation for the work;
    c. Description of the methodology being used and the project findings (if applicable);
    d. Theoretical and/or practical significance and implications of the research;

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5. Ignite presentation

Ignite sessions are five-minute pre-recorded talks intended to stimulate the sharing of new and exciting ideas about higher education in a short time period. Each Ignite talk may feature up to 20 slides with a maximum of 15 seconds per slide. They will be available to watch throughout the conference.

Ignite presentation accepts only individual submission

Information needed for **ignite proposals**

1. Title of your submission
2. A 50-word abstract of your submission to be included in the program
3. A proposal of 300-500 words that should contain as many of the following as are applicable, preferably in this order:
    a. Statement of the purpose or goals of the research;
    b. Summary of the theoretical or conceptual foundation for the work;
    c. Description of the methodology being used and the project findings (if applicable);
    d. Theoretical and/or practical significance and implications of the research;

6. Innovative

Do you have an idea for a session format that would be organized differently from the session types identified above? Please pitch us your idea. We are open to ideas for new

formats to use a whole session of 75 minutes either by an individual or by a group to run in the conference portal. Note, however, that CSSHE is unable to provide logistical and technical support outside of the conference portal/time period.

Innovative format accepts only whole session submission

Information needed for **innovative session proposals**

1. Title of the session and titles of papers included
2. A 50-word abstract of the session and of each paper to be included in the program
3. A whole session proposal (up to 500 words) describing the following:
    a. A description of the format, topic, purpose and proposed outcomes of the session, and how it differs from the other formats already included.
    b. If you want to use a different platform than the conference portal, explain the rationale for your choice of platform, and note how logistical and technical support will be provided.
    c. Indicate the proposed length of the session (up to 75 minutes if timetabled during the conference).
4. Proposals of up to 300 words for each of the individual papers that are sought for the session.

The person submitting the whole session proposal will become the session chair and will be responsible for finding a discussant if needed.

During submission, the session organizer will indicate whether the session will be on-demand or live. The format of the session will depend on the delivery mode selected:
- For on-demand panels, the presentations will be recorded in advance (up to 15 minutes per presentation) and made available on the conference portal. There will be no timed slot provided in the program so that delegates can watch the recordings at their convenience.
- For live panels, presentations (up to 15 minutes per presentation) will be given during the 75-minute panel time.

Selection Criteria and Process

All individual proposals will be anonymously reviewed by two peer reviewers. The conference committee will select submissions that are high quality, and/or demonstrate excellent potential to contribute to knowledge, giving preference to submissions that demonstrably support EDID.

All session proposals will be anonymously reviewed by two peer reviewers. Particular attention will be paid to the session's potential to address the conference theme, tracks and the rigor of the proposal. Brief feedback will be provided on all submissions.

Summary of Timelines

	Open	Deadline
Call for proposals	**Nov 7, 2022**	**11:59 PM PST, December 16, 2022.**
Reviewer assignments	**Week of Jan 2, 2023**	**Jan 13, 2023**
Reviews due		**Jan 20 2023**
Notification of review results	**Early Feb, 2023**	
Registration for Congress / CSSHE conference to be included in the program	**Open** **January 2023 (discounted rate until March 31, 2023)**	**April 15, 2023**

Conference Registration Fees

For detailed registration fees, please refer to the CSSHE website. Registration fees for CSSHE 2023 will be communicated to all members and submitters once the details for the in-person environment of the conference are confirmed later this Fall.

Please note that in addition to the registration fees, all presenters are also expected to register for Congress and be a current member. A current CSSHE membership is required of *all proposal authors and co-authors at the time of proposal submission.*

We look forward to receiving your proposal!

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