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2024 CFREF Symposium

Symposium Program

May 6 - 8, 2024
University of Calgary



Welcome to the 2024 CFREF Symposium

In partnership with the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS), the University of Calgary is looking forward to welcoming you to Calgary for the 2024 CFREF Symposium, May 6-8, 2024.

This symposium is an occasion for leaders from all active CFREF programs across Canada to gather and share experiences, ideas, and solutions to common challenges. The program that follows includes topics such as grant administration and operations, EDIA in research, knowledge mobilization, and program impact and sustainability.

Advance registration is required to attend for both in-person and hybrid sessions. Please visit lu.ma/CFREF-Symposium to register by May 1, 2024.

Session types and topic streams

The symposium includes four session types:

- **Plenary sessions (Hybrid):** Full-group sessions featuring 1-3 speakers, focusing on one topic. They will include an opportunity for Q&A with the audience. Plenary sessions will be offered hybrid, for those wishing to participate remotely.
- **Panel sessions (Hybrid):** Full-group sessions featuring a group of speakers on stage discussing shared experiences or knowledge. They will include an opportunity for Q&A with the audience. Panel sessions will be offered hybrid, for those wishing to participate remotely.
- **Workshops (In-person only):** Small-group sessions, led by 1-3 facilitators, where attendees will have the chance to learn about and discuss shared challenges focused on a specific topic. Each workshop session is 90 minutes long.
- **Reflections (In-person only):** Following each round of concurrent workshops, attendees will regroup and briefly share what they learned in their workshops.

Concurrent workshop sessions have been divided into two topic streams, to help attendees decide which sessions best suit their interests:

- **Operational stream:** Sessions that focus on the operational aspects of executing a CFREF grant, including financial management, governance, team management, and more.
- **Scientific stream:** Sessions that focus on how to strategically expand the reach and increase the impact of your CFREF research program, including knowledge mobilization, partnerships, outreach, and assessment.

2024 CFREF Symposium Program

Schedule and session information as of May 2, 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024: Opening Reception

UCalgary Main Campus – MacEwan Hall Ballroom

4:00 p.m.	Registration opens	MacEwan Hall Ballroom
4:15 p.m.	Opening remarks and keynote	
4:45 p.m.	Light refreshments and networking	
6:30 p.m.	Reception concludes	

Tuesday, May 7, 2024: Symposium Day 1

UCalgary Main Campus

8:15 a.m.	Light breakfast and networking		MacEwan Hall Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	Opening ceremony		
9:30 a.m.	Opening Plenary: Parallel Paths (hybrid)		
10:15 a.m.	Break		
10:45 a.m.	Concurrent Workshops		MacEwan Hall Ballroom and Cassio A/B
	Moving Towards National and Global Impact	Knowledge Mobilization pt. 1	
12:15 p.m.	Lunch and networking		MacEwan Hall Ballroom
1:15 p.m.	Morning workshops: Reflections		
1:30 p.m.	Panel: Lessons Learned from 2017 CFREFs (hybrid)		
2:15 p.m.	Break		
2:30 p.m.	Concurrent Workshops		MacEwan Hall Ballroom and Cassio A/B
	Establishing Good Governance	Partnership Playground	
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon workshops: Reflections and Day 1 wrap up		MacEwan Hall Ballroom
4:30 p.m.	End of Day 1 Symposium Sessions		

Wednesday, May 8, 2024: Symposium Day 2

UCalgary Main Campus

8:15 a.m.	Light breakfast and networking		MacEwan Hall Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	Welcome remarks		
9:15 a.m.	Concurrent Workshops		MacEwan Hall Ballroom and Cassio A/B
	Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility	Knowledge Mobilization pt. 2	
10:45 a.m.	Break		MacEwan Hall Ballroom
11:00 a.m.	Concurrent Workshops		MacEwan Hall Ballroom and Cassio A/B
	Financial management	Performance Management Plans and Research Impact Assessment	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch and networking		MacEwan Hall Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	Morning workshops: Reflections		
1:45 p.m.	Panel: Ask Me Anything with TIPS (hybrid)		
2:30 p.m.	Break		
2:45 p.m.	Closing plenary: Creating sustainability for your CFREF program (hybrid)		
3:15 p.m.	Final reflections and closing remarks		
3:30 p.m.	End of Day 2 Symposium sessions		

Wednesday, May 8, 2024: Evening event

All CFREF Symposium attendees are invited to attend the Creating Tomorrow: Child Health and Wellness event, featuring members of UCalgary's One Child Every Child CFREF program. Advance registration is required.

Creating Tomorrow: Child Health and Wellness | 4:30 – 7 p.m. | Calgary Central Library

Learn more: ucalgary.ca/creating-tomorrow

Day 1 Session information

Plenary: Parallel Paths

Dr. Michael Hart, PhD | Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Research (Indigenous Engagement), UCalgary

May 7, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. | MacEwan Hall Ballroom

UCalgary's CFREF program One Child Every Child is guided by [ii' taa'poh'to'p](#), the UCalgary Indigenous Strategy, and walks parallel paths with Indigenous Elders and scholars to encompass the wisdom, voices and priorities of Indigenous peoples for the betterment of all.

This session will discuss how One Child Every Child brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, child health research institutes, education and healthcare providers, equity-deserving groups, local, national and global stakeholders to accelerate outcomes for children and their families.

Workshop: Moving Towards National and Global Impact

Dr. Herman Barkema, PhD | Director, One Health at UCalgary

Dr. Andre Buret, PhD | Associate Vice-President (Research)

May 7, 2024 | 10:45 a.m. | MacEwan Hall Ballroom | Operational stream

Participants will discuss how to strategically expand the reach of their CFREF research program to the national and global scale. Expertise will be shared by researchers who have successfully contributed to national and international initiatives and policy programs.

Workshop: Breaking the Mould of Knowledge Mobilization (Session 1 of 2)

Carrie Boyce | Executive Director, RCIScience, and Manager, Falling Walls Engage Hub Canada

Celia Du | Programs Manager, RCIScience

May 7, 2024 | 10:45 a.m. | Cassio A/B | Scientific stream

Please note that this is first part of a two-part session. It is expected that participants will take part in both sessions. Part two is scheduled for May 8 at 9:15 a.m.

This two-day training will increase the understanding of knowledge mobilization by equipping participants with the tools to better communicate their research and engage with a variety of audiences across Canada and beyond. Facilitators will guide CFREF teams to become world-leading experts not only in their respective research fields, but also in how they use their work to increase engagement, build capacity, scale findings and spur innovation at home and abroad.

Day 1: Breaking the Mould of Knowledge Mobilization

What does impactful knowledge mobilization look like in today's world? Gone are the days of viewing knowledge as a product. Today, the most successful knowledge mobilization strategies

see knowledge as a process. They empower bidirectional exchange between different communities to create new knowledge and catalyze change. But what does this mean for Canada's top researchers and their teams?

Featuring best-in-class case studies of successful knowledge mobilization projects drawn from CFREF initiatives, this session establishes the broad range of what knowledge mobilization can look like as well as what makes it successful and sustainable. It also highlights current trends, innovative approaches and formats, strategies for mobilizing your entire research team and the importance of EDI considerations.

Panel: Lessons learned from 2017 CFREFs

Dr. Ian Gates, PhD | Director, Global Research Initiative in Sustainable Low Carbon Unconventional Resources, UCalgary

May 7, 2024 | 1:30 p.m. | MacEwan Hall Ballroom

Hear from leaders of 2017 CFREFs about the lessons that they learned throughout the process of executing their CFREF research programs. Audience members will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel members.

Workshop: Establishing good governance

Dr. Aleem Bharwani, MD | Director, Public Policy and Strategic Partnerships, Cumming School of Medicine, UCalgary

Dr. Lorian Hardcastle, PhD | Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, UCalgary

Dr. Pamela Roach, PhD | Associate Scientific Director – Population Health, O'Brien Institute for Public Health, UCalgary

May 7, 2024 | 2:30 p.m. | MacEwan Hall Ballroom | Operational stream

Governance is about where and how decisions are made. Facilitators will present research findings that explore how they propose to improve governance at the University of Calgary, which includes a commitment to parallel paths amongst diverse Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, as well as structural and procedural (“ways”) interventions to improve the quality and culture of decision-making.

The facilitation team brings multiple perspectives: Indigenous, pluralism, social innovation, public administration, and legal/public institution governance. In this workshop, participants will jointly explore how to improve governance in each of our individual programmes and centres; as well as how to collaborate across centres in service of shared futures.

Workshop: Partnership Playground – Crafting Ethical Partnerships for Success

Sid Gunamalai, Health & Life Sciences, Industry Engagement, UCalgary

Nishan Sharma, Manager, International Research Partnerships and Innovation, UCalgary

Stephanie Warner, Manager, Knowledge Engagement, UCalgary

May 7, 2024 | 2:30 p.m. | Cassio A/B | Scientific stream

Finding and working with appropriate partners is always a challenge, even when it's going well. In this interactive session, participants will share approaches to finding appropriate partners, and how to connect in ethical, reciprocal, and mutually beneficial ways to maximize collaboration while achieving their stated goals. Participants will come away with fresh ideas for relationship development and partnership stewardship.

Day 2 Session information

Workshop: Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility

Dr. Bukola Salami, RN, PhD | Professor and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Black and Racialized Peoples' Health, Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, UCalgary

Dr. Hayford Avedzi, PhD | Research Scientist, EDI, One Child Every Child, UCalgary

May 8, 2024 | 9:15 a.m. | MacEwan Hall Ballroom | Operational stream

At the end of this 90 minute session, attendees will be able to describe the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion in research, understand and apply central ideas related to intersectionality into research design and teams, and incorporate equity, diversity and inclusion principles into research design and research teams.

Workshop: Breaking the Mould of Knowledge Mobilization (Session 2 of 2)

Carrie Boyce | Executive Director, RCIScience, and Manager, Falling Walls Engage Hub Canada

Celia Du | Programs Manager, RCIScience

May 8, 2024 | 9:15 a.m. | Cassio A/B | Scientific stream

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Day 2: Broadening the Horizons of Your Knowledge Mobilization Projects

Bring your own CFREF knowledge mobilization plan or new project ideas and put the lessons from Day 1 into practice. We'll work together in small groups to explore novel opportunities for knowledge mobilization, identify potential community partners, brainstorm innovative ways of engaging them, set objectives, troubleshoot challenges, build capacity and establish metrics for measuring success. Leave empowered to put your knowledge mobilization plan into action and bring your reimagined initiatives to life.

Workshop: Financial management

Marjorie Moreau | Director, VPR Operations, Office of the Vice-President (Research), UCalgary

Jessica Tink | Manager, Energy Research, UCalgary

May 8, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. | Cassio A/B | Operational stream

This workshop will discuss financial administration and management of CFREF programs, focusing on common challenges including direct/indirect costs, salaries, TAGFA, and more.

Workshop: Performance Management Plans and Research Impact Assessment

Srijani Deb | Institutional Research Facilitator, Global Research Initiative in Sustainable Low Carbon Unconventional Resources (GRI), UCalgary

Kathryn Graham | Executive Director, Impact Action Lab, Alberta Innovates

May 8, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. | MacEwan Hall Ballroom | Scientific stream

Participants will discuss different disciplinary approaches to how PMPs and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are part of an overall impact measurement and assessment strategy that help with demonstration and communicating impact across the lifecycle of the grant. Hear about practical practices on data collection and sharing, how to work with TIPS on PMPs, and study successful case studies from diverse initiatives.

Panel: Ask Me Anything with TIPS

Valérie Laflamme, PhD | Associate Vice-President, TIPS

Christian Chouinard, PhD | Director, CFREF, CERC and C150 programs, TIPS

Guillaume Beaulieu-Houle | Manager, CFREF, CERC and C150 programs, TIPS

May 8, 2024 | 1:45 p.m. | MacEwan Hall Ballroom

TIPS will be answering audience questions on all things CFREF. The opportunity to submit questions in advance will be available.

Closing Plenary: Creating sustainability for your CFREF program

Dr. Allison Brown, PhD | Executive Director, Medicine by Design, University of Toronto

Professor Michael Sefton | Scientific Director, Medicine by Design, University of Toronto

May 8, 2024 | 2:45 p.m. | MacEwan Hall Ballroom (*presenting remotely*)

This closing session will address sustainability planning, financial independence, leveraging of funds, research translation, and fostering long-term partnerships to ensure that your CFREF research can continue once the grant has concluded.