

Request for Proposal

Saskatchewan Queer Entrepreneurs & Professionals (SQEP) is seeking proposals from potential panelists for our 2025–2026 community-led programming. These events will explore topics relevant to queer business owners and professionals in urban Saskatchewan, with a primary focus on Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert.

About Saskatchewan Queer Entrepreneurs & Professionals (SQEP)

Saskatchewan Queer Entrepreneurs & Professionals (SQEP) is an association of queer, trans, and allied business owners and professionals in Saskatchewan. As a provincial chapter of the CGLCC: Canada's 2SLGBTQI+ Chamber of Commerce, our mission is to foster a vibrant and inclusive ecosystem that empowers, connects, and uplifts queer people in business and professional sectors in Saskatchewan.

We accomplish our mission through:

- Providing opportunities for queer and trans people to network and collaborate in business and professional spaces;
- Advocating for the recognition, equal treatment and celebration of queer and trans entrepreneurs and professionals in Saskatchewan; and
- Engaging with member businesses, local organizations and government through events, partnerships and diverse initiatives that promote understanding, acceptance, and support for the Saskatchewan queer community in business and in the workplace.

Background Information

At SQEP, we believe our programming should be shaped by the community it serves. To ensure our 2025-2026 programming is guided by queer business owners, entrepreneurs, and professionals across the province, and in response to the results of our Needs Assessment, we're launching this call for panelists.

We want to spotlight the knowledge, experiences, and leadership that already exists within Saskatchewan's queer business community. By inviting community members to lead panel discussions and facilitate conversations, we're not only working towards strengthening community and skill-sharing - we're also creating meaningful, paid opportunities for queer professionals.

Selected panelists will receive:

- A small honorarium
- A 1-year Individual Membership
- Additional perks and promotional opportunities

Services to be Provided

Chosen panelists will be expected to participate in a facilitated panel discussion alongside others with similar areas of expertise or experience. Panelists will receive discussion questions in advance and should come prepared to share insights related to their field and its relevance to business or 2SLGBTQI+ identity. Each panel will include a brief Q&A session with audience members. Panelists may also have the opportunity to take part in facilitated networking experiences as part of the event.

Timelines

We anticipate the following timeline for milestones throughout the project:

- **July 11th, 2025:** RFP Opens
- **July 31st, 2025:** RFP Closes
- **July 31st - August 13th, 2025:** RFP's are reviewed
- **August 15th, 2025:** All applicants are contacted

Information Requested

A list of the requested information from individuals who are interested in providing a proposal to become an event panelist is provided below. Proposals may also include additional information that individuals deem pertinent.

- Name and Pronouns of Applicant
- Short biography (50-100 words)
- Description of membership with SQEP or CGLCC (if applicable)
- Description of professional background and area of expertise
- Proposed panel topic
- Description of your relevant work/interest in 2SLGBTQI+ organizations, non-profits, chambers of commerce, and other associations
- Examples of previous panel or community work
- Why are you interested in becoming a panelist?
- Relevant social media or website links
- Accessibility needs or accommodations

Interested?

Proposals must be submitted electronically through a single PDF submission sent via email to info@saskqueer.ca, to the attention of Vada, SQEP MMO by **July 31st, 2025 at 5:00pm CST**.

Proposals submitted late may not be considered for SQEP's 2025-2026 programming