

## Call for Presentations

The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum – Forum canadien sur l'apprentissage (CAF-FCA) invites presentation abstracts for our next national conference.

The 2022 National Apprenticeship Conference will bring Canada's apprenticeship community together to highlight promising practices and innovative solutions in apprenticeship training. More than 500 delegates are traditionally participate over three days.

As a model for learning apprenticeship supports skills acquisition, personal development, and industry need. The COVID-19 pandemic has required apprenticeship stakeholders to re-evaluate and adjust. Skilled trades employers, faced with significant future labour shortages exacerbated by the public health crisis, express a heightened need to connect with potential workers. Young people, facing record unemployment may be reluctant to acquire significant student debt, making the paid work experience and affordable post-secondary education inherent to apprenticeship more appealing than ever. Apprenticeship connects employers to a pool of diverse candidates including those under-represented in the skilled trades to fill their workforce requirements.

The 2022 National Apprenticeship Conference program will highlight initiatives and strategies that reflect three themes. As the Canadian economy rebounds from the global pandemic, many organizations are looking to harness lessons learned through adversity.

### Recovery:

Employers face unprecedented labour shortages and many apprenticeship stakeholders have found ways to help facilitate and support the filling of these gaps. Research that explores the key workforce trends impacting Canada's economic recovery or programs that support the connection between work and workers by encouraging diverse, equitable and inclusive workplaces are the focus in this theme. Presentations about supporting apprentice mental health, which was negatively impacted during COVID-19, are also welcomed.

### Resilience:

As a system, apprenticeship is inherently resilient, expanding and contracting according to economic conditions and cycles. Responsive skilled trades training partners have adapted processes and introduced new technologies to continue their work under COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols. Are these changes here to stay? Under this theme, initiatives that feature new approaches to traditional on-the-job and technical training will be showcased.

### Readiness:

Initiatives that support skilled trades work-readiness are prevalent in every corner of the country. Pre-apprenticeship programs, essential skills training and exam support techniques are just a few of the program types that address barriers and challenges through a shift to solutions and supports. Strategies that are linked to apprentice candidate preparation, success and completion will be featured under this theme.

## A successful submission will:

Share insights into innovative projects, initiatives and partnerships that stand to increase participation in apprenticeship training, particularly among under-represented groups

Inspire the apprenticeship community to engage in collaborative solutions to address common challenges, including skills shortages, employer engagement and apprenticeship completion

Provide opportunities to connect with new ideas and perspectives, empowering delegates to partner with others and/or lead innovation in their community, trade, or sector

## Call for Presentations Application Form

Name:

Position:

Organization:

E-mail:

Phone:

Title of Presentation:

In which language would you prefer to deliver your presentation?

English

French

Most concurrent sessions should be prepared to fill a 60-minute session with a maximum of 2 presenters.

Please indicate if you are open to being part of a 90-minute themed discussion/panel led by a moderator. This format allows for a variety of perspectives on a common area of interest, then engages the audience in discussion. CAF-FCA will establish panels where related topics are proposed by multiple presenters.

YES

NO

If the preferred presentation format is not listed above, please share your idea here:

Are you comfortable being videotaped and/or livestreamed as you deliver your presentation?

YES

NO

Do you have materials to display and/or distribute to participants?

YES

NO

If so, does your organization intend to book exhibit space at the conference?

YES

NO

Please provide contact info for exhibit space:

Name:

Email:

Please provide an abstract (maximum 100 words) of your presentation:

Please submit your completed application to [info@caf-fca.org](mailto:info@caf-fca.org)

## About Us

CAF-FCA is a non-profit organization that connects Canada's apprenticeship community. Participants work collaboratively to support vibrant and innovative apprenticeship systems and policies with a view to developing a highly skilled, inclusive, and mobile skilled trades workforce. Employers, unions, equity-seeking groups, educational institutions, associations, and the jurisdictions support CAF-FCA operations through membership. Since 2000, CAF-FCA has fundamentally changed the conversation about apprenticeship in Canada. It has provided research insights, facilitated dialogue, profiled promising initiatives, and promoted apprenticeship. By creating opportunities to share successes and address common issues, CAF-FCA contributes to effective local, regional, and national solutions. More information is available at [caf-fca.org](https://caf-fca.org).

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSIONS

1. CAF-FCA will make decisions on each submission on a case-by-case basis. CAF-FCA reserves the right to make final selections and edit abstracts.
2. Each presenter must register and pay to attend the conference. The 2022 conference registration fee will be \$799 + tax (early-bird rate) and \$899 + tax (regular rate). Speakers who plan only to attend their own presentation will be offered a daily rate (\$499). Presenters will be advised of acceptance well before the early-bird deadline.
3. Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. ET, Friday, November 5, 2021.
4. By submitting an abstract for consideration, it is understood that you are committed to be present and participate as proposed, if accepted. Please note: All expenses incurred to attend including delegate registration fees, travel, hotel accommodation will be the presenter's responsibility.
5. Presenters must indicate the expected length of their presentation and preferred format of delivery on the call for presentations application form. Presentations may range between 20 and 90 minutes. Please see the Application Form for details. While presenters are asked to indicate their preference for presentation format, they should be aware that the CAF-FCA may ask that presenters consider a different format based on the proposals received and necessities of the program.
6. By completing and submitting the call for presentations application form, you give consent to CAF-FCA to collect your personal information to process your form, maintain contact with you and send you information related to CAF-FCA projects and activities. This consent may also include the sharing of such information with a third-party for the purposes of managing certain aspects of the call for presentations activity.
7. All presenters must be identified at the time of submission of the application. All communication will be sent to the submitting presenter/author only. Any change of presenter and/or content must be approved by CAF-FCA before April 30, 2022.
8. Additional information on presentation logistics and consultation details will be forwarded to all successful applicants.
9. CAF-FCA reserves the right to make changes to the submission descriptions, subject to consultation with presenters, when publishing the program.