



## Call for Presentations

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

The 2020 *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 expected to participate over three days.

The conference will highlight initiatives, programs and strategies that help attract and retain top talent. This requires an understanding of how to breakdown the stigma associated with skilled trades careers and engage youth, under-represented groups, parents and educators to actively promote apprenticeship as a first-choice career path. It must also include programs and tools that consider essential skills, social and emotional competencies and employability in addition to flexible and innovative learning options. Strategies to engage employers and industry play a crucial role in ensuring high quality training opportunities are available and are central to any skilled trades attraction and retention strategy.

### When and Where:

Date: May 24-26, 2020

Location: Telus Convention Centre (Calgary, AB)

### Share Your Innovative Apprenticeship Practices

We invite members of the apprenticeship community to consider sharing their ideas, research or innovative approaches that stand to contribute to our ongoing conversation about apprenticeship as the best way to develop a highly skilled trades workforce.

A successful submission will:

- Share insights into innovative projects, initiatives and partnerships that stand to increase participation in apprenticeship training, particularly among youth and under-represented groups
- Inspire the apprenticeship community to engage in collaborative solutions that elevate the merits of skilled trades careers, improve transition to the labour market and bridge the gap between skills shortages and under-employment
- 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



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## 2020 Call for Presentations Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: \_\_\_\_\_

In which language would you prefer to deliver your presentation?

ENGLISH       FRENCH

In what format would your material best be delivered?

60-minute single-presentation time slot (maximum of 2 presenters)

90-minute interactive workshop (maximum of 3 presenters)

As part of a 90-minute discussion where each presenter/panelist has a maximum of 20 minutes to present. This format allows for a variety of perspectives on a common area of interest, then engages the audience in discussion. CAF-FCA reserves the right to establish panels where similar topics are proposed by multiple presenters.

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



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Are you comfortable being videotaped as you deliver your presentation?

YES  NO

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

YES  NO

If so, would you like to reserve exhibit space at the conference?

YES  NO

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

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

## About Us

The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum – Forum canadien sur l'apprentissage (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 and the jurisdictions support CAF-FCA operations through membership.

CAF-FCA is the only organization that brings together apprenticeship stakeholders from across trades, across sectors and across Canada to share information and promising practices, identify challenges and propose joint solutions. As a national voice for the apprenticeship community, CAF-FCA influences apprenticeship strategies through research, discussion and collaboration. Its research agenda and events provide stakeholders with accurate, unbiased insights into apprenticeship challenges and barriers and illustrates the substantial benefits of hiring and training apprentices.



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## 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 2020 conference registration fee will be \$699 + tax (early-bird rate) and \$799 + tax (regular rate). Speakers who plan only to attend their own presentation will be offered a daily rate (\$399). Presenters will be advised of acceptance well before the early-bird deadline.
3. Proposals must be received no later than by **5:00 p.m. ET, Friday, November 8, 2019**. A confirmation of receipt of submission will be sent.
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; i.e. 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 in order 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.**
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.