



Call for Abstracts

We invite you to participate in the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction's (CCSA) next **Issues of Substance 2019** conference, to be held on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation in Ottawa, Ontario, November 25–27, 2019, at the Westin Ottawa. **CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019** is Canada's only national conference to bring together addiction workers, healthcare professionals, researchers, policy makers, knowledge brokers, and people with direct or indirect, lived or living experience with substance use or a substance use disorders from across the country. This three-day event provides an unparalleled opportunity to share new research and best practices, network with peers and receive practical training related to substance use and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery.

CCSA is pleased to announce the call for abstracts for **CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019**. Please submit your abstract no later than **January 28, 2019**, as detailed below. For more information about the conference, visit the [Issues of Substance section](#) of the CCSA website.

Conference Theme

The theme for **CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019** conference is **Evidence and Perspectives, Compassion and Action**. Substance use, substance use addiction and behavioural addictions are serious health concerns in Canada. The cost of substance use alone to our society is estimated to be a staggering \$38 billion. Both substance use and behavioural addictions can have a negative impact on Canadians, their relationships, their families and their responsibilities in the community, in the workplace, volunteering or studying.

The landscape is changing in the field of substance use and addiction in Canada and the need for research and action is greater than ever. Sometimes an issue is so complex, far-reaching and consequential that it takes a vast range of perspectives to bring it fully into view. The challenge of achieving better outcomes and improved well-being for all Canadians demands that we unite through sharing our diverse perspectives and collaborating to make a meaningful difference in shaping the future – a future that is defined by a healthier Canadian society where evidence and compassion transform approaches to addressing substance use and addiction.

Welcome to CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019

Individuals and teams are encouraged to submit abstracts that stimulate ideas and discussion, promote learning of knowledge and skills, and energize attendees to participate in debate. We are currently seeking presentations, posters and workshops on policies, programs and frameworks that include evidence-informed practices, emerging research and innovative knowledge exchange strategies.

This year, we are requesting presenters to consider sex and gender as part of their work to help create more useful and specific evidence, guidance and perspectives for different groups of Canadians. As part of the abstract submission, we are asking applicants to describe how their work has considered or could consider in the future issues related to sex and gender. Meeting this requirement involves providing a brief summary (150 words or less) about how your project (i.e., research study, program, policy review, etc.) has considered or could consider in the future sex and



gender. For examples of summaries that consider sex and gender, please visit the [Issues of Substance section](#) of the CCSA website.

Abstracts are welcomed on the use and impact of all substances, including alcohol, opioids, cannabis, stimulants and so on, and other licit and illicit drugs or drugs of evolving legal status (e.g., novel psychoactive substances, e-cigarettes, etc.), as well as research on and evaluations of programs and initiatives. Abstracts focusing on process or behavioural addictions, such as gambling and gaming, as well as concurrent conditions, are also welcome. Although we will consider all abstracts, we are looking for submissions that support the following subthemes:

- Current trends, emerging issues and their implications
- Determinants and consequences of substance use and addiction
- Key individual factors and characteristics relevant to substance use and addiction (e.g., concurrent conditions, sex and gender, trauma, etc.)
- Legal, social and community responses to substance use- and addiction-related harms
- Truth and reconciliation and Indigenous approaches to healing
- Considerations for at-risk or marginalized populations (e.g., youth, incarcerated persons, older adults, people who are homeless, new Canadians, LGBTQ2+, etc.)
- Meaningful ways of addressing stigma
- Innovative and novel approaches to service delivery (e.g., technology-assisted therapy, mobile apps, therapy animals, digital technology, etc.)
- Health promotion, prevention and early identification
- The continuum of care, including overdose prevention and management, access to services, waiting times, recovery, health and wellbeing



Presentation Formats

Applicants must [submit their abstracts](#) by **January 28, 2019**. Abstracts should be 250 words or less in English or French and apply to one of the following formats. Please note that this word limit does not include the 150-word summary on sex and gender considerations that is requested at the time of abstract submission. If you have any questions, please contact ios-info@ccsa.ca.

Oral Presentations (20 or 60 minutes)

Individual presentations of 20 minutes or team presentations that feature a panel of three 20-minute presentations allow for a brief overview of the major points or highlights of a particular program or research project. All presentations will be followed by 30 minutes of moderated discussion and questions from a discussant that will be arranged by the Issues of Substance Program Committee. Preference for oral presentations will be given to work that is completed. Applicants **must include all of the following information** in the abstract **using the headings provided**:

- Title
- Learning objectives for the presentation
- Background
- Objectives of your research or project
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

Abstracts for the 60-minute team presentations that feature three 20-minute presentations should clearly describe the three topics that will be addressed in the panel. **Do not submit separate abstracts for each of the three presentations** to be included in the panel.

Presenters are responsible for the translation of any handouts distributed during oral presentations.

Interactive Learning Workshops (90 minutes)

Workshops are interactive learning opportunities to demonstrate real-life application of techniques and skills. The abstract must include a clear explanation of how participants will be engaged and actively participate in learning. **Participation cannot be limited to simple questions-and-answers or group dialogue**. Applicants **must include all of the following information** in the abstract **using the headings provided**:

- Title
- Learning objectives for the workshop
- Description
- Interactive formats or processes

Posters

Posters allow for the presentation of key points or highlights of a particular research project, program or intervention. Posters must be displayed on a poster board and cannot exceed 45'' wide by 45'' high. (Exact measurements will be provided upon acceptance of your poster to the conference.) The author must staff their poster for a designated period of time. During the designated poster viewing, the author must be available to respond to questions about their work and is encouraged to have



handouts of the poster to share with conference participants. Applicants **must include all of the following information** in the abstract **using the headings provided**:

- Title
- Background
- Objectives of your research or project
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

Presenters are responsible for the translation of any handouts distributed during the poster presentations.



Submitting an Abstract

Applicants must [submit abstracts](#) electronically by **January 28, 2019**. Applicants can submit no more than two abstracts as primary author and the primary presenter must be one of the co-authors listed on the abstract. The Issues of Substance Program Committee reserves the right to limit the number of abstracts accepted for review, has final authority in selecting presenters and will inform applicants in April 2019 as to whether their submission has been accepted.

Need Help with Your Abstract?

Please visit the [Issues of Substance section](#) of the CCSA website for sample abstracts and tips for preparing your abstract.

You can also email ios-info@ccsa.ca or call 1-833-235-4048 to speak with someone from CCSA for direct assistance.

Who Should Submit an Abstract?

Individuals and organizations from disciplines associated with substance use and addiction, public health and behavioural addictions are invited to submit abstracts for **CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019** that showcase their initiatives, research, programs or best practices. The appropriate disciplines include addiction specialists (e.g., treatment providers, addiction medicine practitioners, clinical staff, counsellors, social workers, etc.), allied professionals (e.g., hospital staff, law enforcement personnel, correctional workers, nutritionists, teachers, etc.), public health professionals (e.g., public health nurses, health promotion program staff, etc.), policy and service planners, program managers, academic researchers, students, residents and private sector professionals.

We also invite submissions from individuals with direct or indirect, lived or living experience with substance use or a substance use disorder. We are pleased to offer a limited number of subsidies to support the voices of lived or living experience being included in the conference, either as presenters or as supporters of presentations. For more information about these subsidies, please see the Conference Subsidies section below.

A key intent of **CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019** is to stimulate discussion and the exchange of ideas by presenting **new or emerging** initiatives, policy analyses, knowledge exchange and research. To this end, work submitted for presentation should not have been reported previously in a publication, either as an article or as an abstract.

Evaluation Criteria

The following evaluation criteria will each be given equal weight in the assessment of abstracts:

- Strength and appropriateness of evidence or knowledge base for the abstract content
- Potential to stimulate discussion and learning
- Significance and potential impact of findings or conclusions on the substance use and addiction field
- Consideration of sex and gender as part of the work
- Overall quality and clarity of the abstract



Required Information

Before going to the online submission form, applicants should ensure that they can provide the following information:

- Description of how their work has considered or could consider in the future issues related to sex and gender
- Preferred presentation format
- Primary and alternate subtheme that best applies to the abstract submitted (this information will only be used to assist in reviewing abstracts)
- Language of presentation (English or French)
- Full title, name, organizational affiliation and the email addresses of the presenter and all presenting co-authors (up to a maximum of nine)
- If this research has been previously published, the publication name and year
- If this research has been presented at another conference, the title, location and year of the conference

Upon Acceptance

- CCSA will email all communications about an abstract submission to the applicant (primary presenter), who is responsible for distributing information to other authors or co-authors.
- If an applicant accepts an offer to present, but is later unable to attend, they must provide to CCSA the name of the alternate speaker who is a co-author on the original abstract or the presentation will be withdrawn from the program.
- Presenters will be asked to disclose any real or potential conflicts of interest at the beginning of their presentation or workshop, or on their poster.
- All presenters must register for the conference and pay their registration fee by May 17, 2019.



Conference Subsidies

A limited number of subsidies of up to \$1,000 each are available to assist with conference expenses for presenters at CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019.

Presenter Subsidies

- You can apply this subsidy to any costs associated with attending the conference.
- Presenters who are awarded a subsidy will also receive a **complimentary conference registration**.
- **Poster presenters are not eligible** for this subsidy.
- Please note that only one presenter subsidy will be awarded per abstract.

How to Apply

To apply for a presenter subsidy, please submit the following documentation:

1. A written request (maximum 250 words) providing the following information:
 - Reason for financial need
 - Identification of your organization's category:
 - Government
 - Not for profit
 - University/college
 - Community member (please state community)
 - Other
 - Area of work or interest and organizational objectives aligned with the conference
 - Information on area of work or organization
 - Location (or closest major city)
2. Letter of support from your organization
3. Name of abstract submitted and names of co-authors (if applicable)

Please submit your subsidy request and supporting documentation to ios-subsidies@ccsa.ca.

Deadline

The deadline to submit an application for a presenter subsidy is **February 11, 2019**.

Those presenters who are awarded presenter subsidies must confirm their acceptance of being a presenter and the subsidy being awarded by registering for CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019 conference no later than May 17, 2019. Subsidy awards will expire at midnight EST on this date if the registration is not received.

Subsidies for Those with Lived or Living Experience

A limited number of subsidies are available to support the voices of those individuals with direct or indirect, lived or living experience with substance use or a substance use disorder being included in CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019 conference. To access these funds you are asked to identify yourself as having lived or living experience.



How to Apply

To apply for a subsidy for those with lived or living experience, please complete the form providing the following information:

- Identify if you have direct or indirect, lived or living experience with substance use or a substance use disorder
- Reason for financial need
- Name of your affiliated organization if any
- Location (or closest major city)
- Describe how your direct or indirect, lived or living experience with substance use or a substance use disorder will contribute to the objectives of CCSA's IOS 2019
- If application is in support of a presentation, the name of the presentation or authors

Should you require assistance with this form please contact ios-subsidies@ccsa.ca

Deadline

There are two types of conference participation, being a presenter or supporting a presentation. The deadline to submit an application for one of these subsidies is **February 11, 2019**.

Those with direct or indirect, lived or living experience with substance use or a substance use disorder who are awarded a subsidy must confirm their acceptance of the subsidy by registering for the CCSA's Issues of Substance 2019 no later than May 17, 2019. Subsidy awards will expire at midnight on this date if registration is not received.

Other Information

Audio-Visual Equipment

Session rooms will be fully equipped with computers and data projectors. If additional audio-visual equipment (including flipcharts) is required, the presenter will be responsible for these costs.

Translation Requirements

Presentations can be in English or French. Simultaneous French and English interpretation will be available for all keynote and some oral concurrent sessions. Translation will not be available for workshops.



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CCSA was created by Parliament to provide national leadership to address substance use in Canada. A trusted counsel, we provide national guidance to decision makers by harnessing the power of research, curating knowledge and bringing together diverse perspectives.

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