

**Call for Proposals
Canadian Evaluation Society Ontario Chapter 2023 Virtual Conference**

The Canadian Evaluation Society Ontario Chapter (CES Ontario) is pleased to invite evaluation practitioners, researchers, academics, emerging evaluators, students, and other potential presenters to submit proposals for panel presentations and methods masterclass workshops for CES Ontario’s 2023 Virtual Conference on October 26, 2023.

Help us address the challenges of building diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-oppression practices within evaluation by contributing to this exciting professional development and networking event.

Theme: Building Better Evaluation - Increasing Diversity and Promoting Inclusion

The 2023 CES Ontario virtual conference will inform and connect participants to efforts to build better evaluation through a diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-oppression lens (DEIAO).

The Canadian Evaluation Society Ontario Chapter is a thriving community of over 350 program evaluators committed to inclusive and collaborative inquiry and practice. We embrace an equity-focused, anti-oppression approach and strive to better reflect the diversity of our province.

This conference builds on CES Ontario’s commitment to a promote anti-racism within evaluation and within our organization, and to increasing diversity and inclusion. More information on CES Ontario’s commitment, mission and values can be found [here](#).

Participants will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of current trends, innovations, opportunities, and challenges for enhancing and integrating DEIAO in evaluation.
- Gain important evaluation skills to address current and future trends.
- Enhance connections with other evaluators, networks, and organizations.
- Contribute to discussions about the importance of evaluative thinking and evaluation practice to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Overview

Proposals should be submitted at membership@evaluationontario.ca.

The deadline to submit proposals is **Monday September 11, 2023**, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time Zone.

A decision on proposals will be communicated to applicants by September 18, 2023. An honorarium will be provided to successful applicants.

Selection Criteria

Criteria	Weight
Relevance – Alignment with conference theme, evaluation competencies	5

Detail – Clarity of proposal and outline of presentation/workshop	5
Focus – Proposal presents innovative ways to foster DEIAO through evaluation practices	5

Panel Sessions

We invite proposals for one of the two following panel sessions:

1. **Opening Panel Session:** *Building Better Evaluation - Increasing Diversity and Promoting Inclusion*

Our opening session addresses the state of evaluation today, exploring trends, concerns, and opportunities for change across the diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-oppression framework.

2. **Closing Panel Session:** *Creating Innovative Evaluation - Fostering Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

Our closing session focuses on the interplay between innovation and evaluation and how new approaches to evaluation – from a comparative perspective – can address key challenges faced by organizations and evaluators, and serve as enablers for fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Each Session will have 4–5 panelists, each presenting for 12–15 minutes, followed by Q&A and discussion.

Each proposal should include:

- Short panelist Bio (250 words max)
- Panel selection (opening/closing)
- Abstract (250 words max)
- Key competency domain(s) that this presentation will focus on.

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Instructors – Methods Masterclass (75 minutes – concurrent workshops)

We are looking for instructors to deliver an intermediate/advanced level methods masterclass. We are especially interested in workshops related to diversity, equity, and inclusion and evaluation approaches.

Each proposal should include:

- **Style and format (250 words max):** Please describe how the session will be organized and how you will interact with participants.
- **Session description (250 words max):** Please describe what will be covered during your session, including learning objectives.
- **Short bio and experience:** Please provide a bio and overview of previous workshop or facilitation experience.
- **Competencies domains:** Please provide a list of key competency domain(s) that this masterclass will focus on.

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