

CEWIL 2025

FORGING THE FUTURE TOGETHER



**CEWIL CALL
FOR
PROPOSAL
2025**



CEWIL Canada's 2025 Conference, Forging the Future Together will be taking place in Hamilton, Ontario June 16-19, 2025. The Call for Proposals will open November 15, 2025. Our conference theme, "Forging the Future Together," is not just a phrase; it's a principle that embodies the spirit of growth, resilience, and progress that is so strong within the WIL community.

This conference is being held on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and CEWIL Canada is dedicated to doing more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

Dates to Remember:

- **Call for proposals opens:** November 15, 2024
- **Proposal Submission Deadline:** December 20, 2024
- **Evaluation of Proposals:** December 20, 2024 – January 15, 2025
- **Notification of Acceptance:** January 31, 2025
- **Deadline to accept invitation to present at the conference:** February 28, 2025



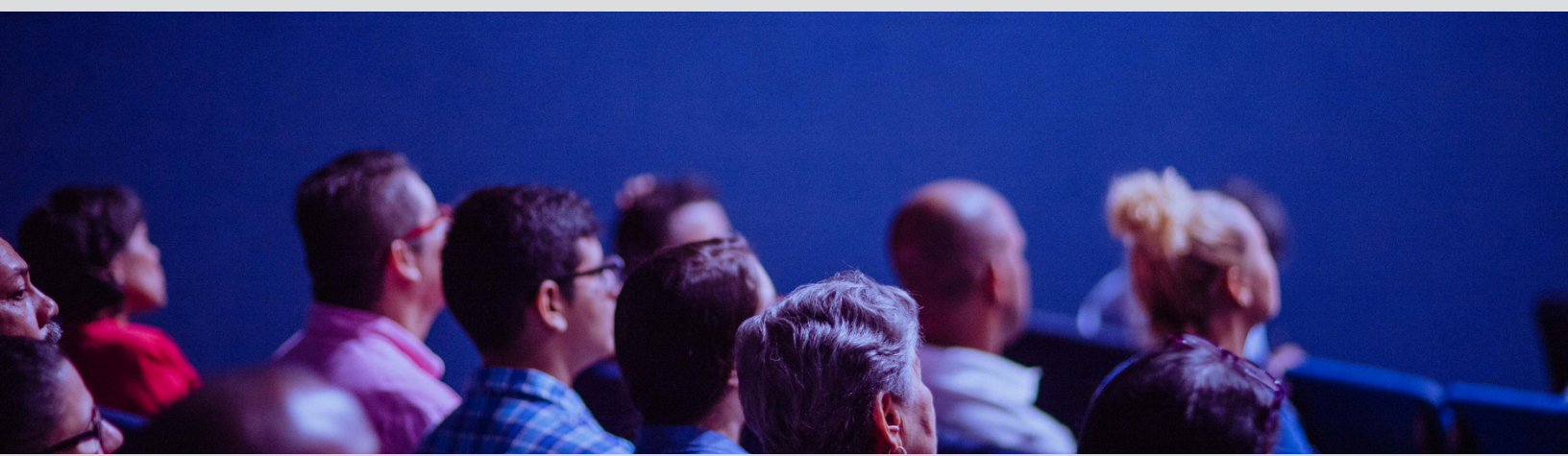
CONFERENCE THEMES

Our conference theme, "Forging the Future Together," is not just a phrase; it's a principle that embodies the spirit of growth, resilience, and progress that is so strong within our membership. Whether your program or institution is small or large, new or well-established, or you're an organization that welcomes WIL students – your role is integral in shaping these principles and building the future of work-integrated learning alongside us.

We invite submissions from programs, practitioners, scholars, students, industry and community partners, and employers to share experiences and expertise. We believe that the forging the future of WIL is a collective effort. To this end, to encourage the WIL student voice in presentations, CEWIL is offering a limited number of bursaries to student co-presenters. We also strive to build capacity for French language in WIL so please consider offering your session in French. We also welcome presenters who represent industry and community to share their WIL experience at our conference.

As proposals are prepared, applicants are invited to consider how their presentation will not only align with CEWIL Canada's core values of community, quality, integrity, learning, innovation, and respect but also demonstrate these values through the design of the session. Please consider how your proposal demonstrates a commitment to one or more of the following:

- **COMMUNITY:** We are an inclusive, engaged, collaborative and passionate group that shares a collective interest and enthusiasm for Work-Integrated-Learning.
- **QUALITY:** We stand for high standards of rigour and evidence-based practices to ensure a high degree of excellence. CEWIL's beacon of expertise and leading practices is the hallmark of our organization.



- **INTEGRITY:** CEWIL's actions will align with our words. We will act ethically with attention to our values and hold the notions of honesty, pride, trust and helpfulness as our integrity standards.
- **LEARNING:** At CEWIL, curiosity and reflection are a way of life. We strive to acquire new knowledge, behaviours, and skills to continuously improve to meet the needs and education of our members.
- **INNOVATION:** CEWIL will respond to practical challenges through creative thinking and invention that will transform and sustain WIL as the world of work evolves.
- **RESPECT:** We know that part of building a thriving WIL ecosystem means tapping into our differences; of who we are, where we come from, what we've experienced and how we think. We are committed to treating others as they wish to be treated and embed the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in all that we do.

As CEWIL Canada works to support access, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, we would also like to hear how your proposal contributes to increasing and/or addressing access, equity, inclusion and belonging in WIL. True inclusivity and equity are reflected in how work is delivered, not just in what is said. Proposals should demonstrate how these principles are naturally embedded in the presenter's work, creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all attendees.

Presentation Options

- **50-minute workshop:** Workshop-based/hands on learning/interactive.
- **20-minute presentation:** Program/initiative/project highlight (15 min presentation/5 min Q&A).
- **20-minute presentation:** Research or data sharing (15 min presentation/5 min Q&A).
- **50-minute circles:** discussion-based/round table facilitated.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Only electronic submissions will be accepted via our online submission portal. Proposals will be accepted November 15, 2024 – December 20, 2024. Late submissions may not be accepted.

If you would like to see the full call for presentation and/or prepare the answers in advance, see a pdf of the proposal questions.

If you are submitting proposals for several sessions, you must complete one form for each session. **Please note: in an effort to amplify many voices, individuals can normally be a presenter, co-presenter or panelist in a maximum of two sessions.*

All speakers must agree to the Terms of Reference for Conference Speakers to be considered as a conference speaker.

Proposal Review and Selection Process:

Review Committee: All proposals will be reviewed by at least two (2) reviewers. Proposals will be scored without speaker identifying information, to promote fairness and objectivity. Specifically, reviewers will be scoring proposals based on the following criteria:

- Interactivity and accessibility to a diverse audience
- Relevance to field of Work-Integrated Learning
- Clear description of outcomes of the session for attendees
- Innovative or novel concept or initiative that would be of interest to WIL audience
- Alignment with CEWIL Canada Values
- Contribution to access, inclusion, diversity, equity, and belonging in the field of WIL



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Should your submission be accepted, you, and each of your co-presenters, agree to the following:

- 1. Speaker Terms:** One speaker must be identified as the Speaker Contact for the proposal and all session speakers must be included as co-presenters. If there is a change in the speaker line-up or session description, it is the Speaker Contact's responsibility to inform CEWIL Canada as soon as possible by emailing the program committee chair. Conference presenters can normally participate in a maximum of two sessions. This is to ensure a diverse cross-representation of speakers over the course of the conference. Any additional speakers that are already speaking at two other sessions, cannot be added as a co-presenter.
- 2. Register and Pay the Registration Fee:** Upon your acceptance, you will be required to register by April 30, 2025 at a special discounted speaker registration rate. No other speaker compensation will be provided. Any co-presenters that have not registered for the conference will not be listed in the final conference program. CEWIL Canada's registration rates and cancellation policy are available on the registration home page.
- 3. Presentation Content Terms:** The selling of goods and/or services during sessions is NOT PERMITTED at CEWIL 2025. In cases where we receive multiple complaints about selling in a session, you risk your proposal being declined in future years. If you wish to promote your goods and/or services, materials or products during the conference, please contact the sponsorship committee about partnership, advertising and exhibitor opportunities.
- 4. Accessibility of Session Requirements:** It is our expectation that all conference sessions are accessible to delegates attending CEWIL 2025. All speakers must use the microphone provided in the rooms, use digital tools during their sessions to ensure delegates can follow presentations, and adhere to the guidelines on accessibility that will be provided to all speakers ahead of the conference.
- 5. Headshots and Bios:** Headshots and a short biography for those that accept the invitation to present at CEWIL 2025 will be due no later than February 28th, 2025.
- 6. Notification of Acceptance:** All Speaker Contacts will be notified regarding the status of their application for the CEWIL 2025 conference by January 31, 2025. Speakers who have been accepted will be required to confirm their acceptance by replying to the invitation email by the deadline included in that email. Waitlisted speakers will be updated as spots become available. If you are no longer able to present at any point, please send notification to the program committee chair as soon as possible so that others on the waitlist can be notified and have the chance to prepare.