

Call for Proposals: Student Experience Conference 2027

Theme: Designing for Real Lives: Rethinking Student Experiences

As post-secondary institutions and student needs evolve, student services professionals must navigate complex challenges while centering human experience. This year's conference explores how intentional, purpose-driven action transforms the student journey. We invite staff, researchers, student leaders, instructors and community partners to share evidence-informed practices, wellness initiatives and scalable frameworks that build a thriving, future-ready campus community.

Conference Streams:

Applicants are invited to submit proposal abstracts aligned with one of the **four** conference streams below:

1. Access with purpose: Inclusion, equity & community belonging
 - Fostering belonging across diverse student demographics
 - Advancing Indigenization and living out commitments to Truth and Reconciliation
 - Creating equitable access to physical, digital and pedagogical environments, including green campus spaces
 - Intercultural engagement and global student support
2. Well-being in action: Holistic health, wellness and safety
 - Proactive community-wide mental health and wellness strategies and programs
 - Trauma-informed student service delivery
 - Staff well-being, workload sustainability and preventing burnout
 - Sexual and gender-based violence prevention, education and survivor support
 - Advancing environmental justice and sustainable campus experiences
3. From learning to Career: Career development, experiential Learning, leadership & citizenship
 - Experiential learning, work-integrated pathways and career readiness initiatives
 - Aligning academic programs with co-curricular skills and competencies
 - Student and staff leadership development frameworks
 - Student organization support, civic engagement and community building
4. Evidence of Impact: Assessment, Strategy & Service Innovation
 - Cross-campus collaborations, co-creations and innovations
 - Leveraging technology and emerging solutions for service improvement
 - Translating institutional research and priorities into frontline student service practice
 - Improving student services through data, evaluation and evidence-informed decision-making
 - Designing, implementing and measuring campus sustainability efforts

Presentation Formats

Submissions may be presented in one of the **three** standard formats:

Presentations (15 Minutes): A concise presentation highlighting a specific project, practice or research finding. Individual presentations will be grouped in sets of 2–3 under a common thematic cluster, followed by a dedicated audience Q&A session.

Workshops (60 Minutes): An interactive, hands-on learning session designed to teach participants a practical skill, framework or methodology relevant to student success and post-secondary administration.

Panel Discussions (60 Minutes): A moderated panel featuring 3–4 panelists speaking to a timely issue, challenge or emerging trend impacting post-secondary students, followed by an interactive audience Q&A.