

# NATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON LARGE-SCALE ASSESSMENTS

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### Theme: Learning from PISA and other large-scale assessment projects

**DEADLINE: JUNE 6, 2018**

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, in collaboration with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), is organizing a national conference in Toronto, Ontario, in October 2018. The purpose of the conference is to highlight the use of Canadian data in studies related to PISA and other large-scale assessment projects and to promote the use of data to help address relevant policy issues.

The organizers are calling for proposals for **conference papers** and **workshop presentations** to be presented at the conference. The papers should be primarily based on Canadian PISA data and have a clear policy focus, covering topics of relevance to education, economic, employment, and social policy. Papers focusing on other large-scale assessment projects in which Canada participates will also be considered.

Papers and workshop presentations may be submitted in English or French.

#### Submission process

Those interested in giving a paper or workshop presentation at the conference should submit a proposal before **June 6, 2018**, to [ResearchConference@cmecc.ca](mailto:ResearchConference@cmecc.ca). Proposal requirements are described below. These will be reviewed by the Selection Committee, and authors will receive a decision no later than **June 30, 2018**. At that time, those selected to give a paper or a workshop presentation will be asked to send in their final submissions by **September 15, 2018**.

#### Audience

The conference's intended audience includes educators, education stakeholders, policy-makers, and researchers.

#### Proposal requirements

**The names** of all authors/presenters must be listed in the submission.

**The title** of the paper/workshop presentation should be written in plain language and clearly indicate the topic being addressed. This may seem self-evident, nevertheless we regularly come across titles that do not convey sufficient information and therefore do not attract an audience.

**The abstract** should be no longer than 200 words and should be written in plain language. The abstracts may be used for potential media coverage and conference attendance. Please make them catchy, concise, and coherent.

The summary should be double-spaced, in 11-point (or larger), sans-serif font (e.g., Arial, Calibri, Verdana) and must be no more than three pages in length. The accompanying reference list can be on a fourth page. The summary must present the following specific information:

- a) purpose of the study;
- b) perspective(s) or theoretical framework;
- c) methods and/or techniques;
- d) data source(s);
- e) results, conclusions, and/or interpretations; and
- f) relevance to education, employment, economic, and social policy.

For selected papers and workshop presentations, CMEC will cover all travel and accommodation expenses (single-occupancy hotel room) for a maximum of two authors/presenters according to CMEC's expense guidelines.