

# Call for Abstracts

The Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics invites you to submit abstract(s) for the 2025 CSEB Biennial Conference taking place from August 11th to 13th at Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel in Montréal, Québec.

Abstract Submission Site Opens	Monday, January 13, 2025
Abstract Submission Deadline	Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Notification of Decisions	April 2025

For more information about abstract submission and the conference visit: https://cseb.ca/events/2025-conference/

For any questions regarding this abstract submission process, please contact the Conference Secretariat at:

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# **Presentation Types**

Abstracts may be submitted for either oral or poster presentations. Abstracts submitted for consideration as oral presentations will subsequently be considered for poster presentations if not accepted for the oral format. Abstracts may include work in progress, as long as they include results. Work presented should be unpublished at the time of submission.

#### **Oral Presentations**

Oral presentations will be selected and grouped thematically during the concurrent session programming of the conference. Each presentation will be allotted 10 minutes of presentation followed by a 4-minute Q&A session.

#### **Poster Presentations**

Poster presentations will be highlighted in three ways.

- (1) Posters will be displayed at the in-person event. Dedicated time will be allocated in the conference program for participants to visit the posters and interact with the presenters.
- (2) Posters will be uploaded to the conference app, allowing participants to view them before, during, and for a few weeks following the conference.
- (3) Accepted posters may be selected for an additional rapid-fire presentation (3-minute oral presentation) during the conference. The online submission form will allow students and early career researchers (i.e. doctoral degree obtained within 5 years of the conference date, excluding interruptions) to indicate whether they wish to be considered for a rapid-fire presentation.

# Language of Submission and Presentation

Abstracts may be submitted in English or in French. While oral presentations at CSEB are typically in English, CSEB 2025 Montréal plans to have a few parallel sessions for oral presentations in French (depending on submissions received). Poster presentations may be in English or in French. Simultaneous interpretation will not be available at the conference.

### **Awards**

Students and early career researchers will have the opportunity to indicate whether they wish to be considered for presentation awards at time of submission.

## **Abstract Submission Process**

All abstracts must be submitted online on the conference website. The online submission form will collect contact information regarding the presenter and co-authors, preferences for presentation type and opportunities for awards.

- o All submissions must identify the presenting author and the main contact.
- o The presenting author must indicate whether they are a student or an early career researcher.
- The presenting author must include the names of all co-authors in the submission. It is implicit that permission has been obtained from all co-authors to submit and present the work at the CSEB conference.
- o The areas of focus that best describe the abstract being submitted must be chosen. A list of options can be found below, and trois options may be selected.
- o The submitting author will receive an automatically generated email from the system to confirm the successful submission of their abstract. The e-mailed confirmation of receipt is not a notice of acceptance of the abstract for presentation.

# Instructions, Guidelines & Important Information

Abstracts submitted to this conference should reflect original work. Abstracts on topics in any area of epidemiology and biostatistics are eligible. If questions arise about the eligibility of work for submission to this conference, please contact the organizers to discuss the details at vicki@f2fe.com.

- o There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may submit; however, the number of accepted oral and poster presentations may be limited for each presenter. Groups of authors are therefore encouraged to share presenting responsibilities.
- o All abstracts being presented at the conference will be listed in the program in the submission language.
- o Abstracts must be 300 words or less.
- O Abstracts must include the following sections: Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.
- Names of authors and organizations must not appear in the text of the abstract to allow for blind peer review.
- Avoid specialized jargon and undefined abbreviations. Do not include tables, figures, diagrams, footnotes, references, or acknowledgements in the text of the abstract.
- Authors accept sole responsibility for the statements in their abstracts. Abstracts should be carefully proofread to avoid errors.
- o The Scientific Committee will review all submitted abstracts according to the criteria listed below.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the online conference program that will be distributed to the conference delegates and will be made available electronically on the CSEB site following the conference.
- All presenters of abstracts accepted for presentation at the conference must register for and pay to attend the conference. More details regarding conference registration will be provided upon acceptance of the abstracts.

## Areas of Focus

When submitting an abstract, presenters must first select whether their work primarily falls under biostatistics or epidemiology. Then the main areas of focus that best describe their work should be indicated. Up to three areas of focus may be selected in one of the main categories of Biostatistics or Epidemiology.

#### **Biostatistics**

Bayesian methods Multivariate analyses Time series Network analysis Causal inference Prediction Design and analysis of clinical trials Spatial modelling

Longitudinal analysis Statistical genetics Machine learning and artificial intelligence Survival analysis

Meta-analyses Other (please specify)

#### **Epidemiology**

Ageing & Musculo-Skeletal Health Issues in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Accessibility Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence Methods Chronic Disease, Injury & Multimorbidity Clinical Epidemiology & Pharmacoepidemiology Maternal & Child Health Mental Health **Environmental & Occupational Health Epidemiologic Methods** Public Health / Population Health

Genetic & Molecular Epidemiology Rural/Remote/Circumpolar Health Global Health Nutrition, Physical Activity & Obesity Spatial Epidemiology / Healthy Cities Health Services, Systems & Economics Social Determinants of Health

Immigrant Health Substance Use Indigenous Health Surveillance

Infectious Diseases & Immunization Other (please specify)

## **Evaluation Criteria for Abstracts**

The Scientific Committee will review all submitted abstracts on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the advancement of epidemiology and/or biostatistics
- o Clearly articulated questions/problems/objectives
- o Methods (appropriateness of design and analytic approach)
- o Results (compelling and logically flow from the objectives)
- o Overall impact, quality, clarity, and novelty