






Let's collaborate together to:

- 1** Bring communities and academia together
- 2** Embrace diverse research approaches
- 3** Engage in research for societal change

Join the growing movement transforming research to build better community futures



GOALS

- Bridging capacities** 
- Facilitating Connections** 
- Mobilizing knowledge** 
- Championing community-research** 

37 post-secondary institutions

209 individual members

10 umbrella organizations

21 community organizations

CBRCanada is a membership-based national non-profit organization

e-Learning Series

Wisdom sharing from research teams using community-based research to tackle societal challenges.

2024 Achievements **2025 Activities**

Current Theme: Responding to Crises

Twelve webinars averaging 85 registrants

Two subthemes: Young People in Community Based Research (January 2024 - June 2024) and Responding to Health, Wellness, and Societal Inequity (September 2024 - December 2024)

What is coming up for our e-Learnings?

First panel discussion to wrap up our last sub-theme was held on January 9, 2025, "Community-Based Research Responding to Crises of Health, Wellness, and Health Equity" This also acted as a networking event and we will continue to hold these sessions after each sub-theme to discuss innovative solutions and bring together researchers across the network engaging in community-based research in that field.

Two more subthemes to come under "Responding to Crises"

- Responding to the Climate Emergency
- Responding to the Housing and Affordability Crisis.

"CBRCanada offers excellent resources to explore a diversity of community-based research approaches and also share about our activities. Sessions offer great opportunities for networking and engagement with like minded colleagues in wide ranging fields of interest too."

- Renée Masching, LL.D (hon), MSW, BSW, BA, Communities, Alliances & Networks

Community of Practice (CoP)

Facilitated discussions on big community-based research topics for members to exchange best practices and foster relationships.

2024 Monthly gatherings were held on topics including:

- Community-engaged research during Health Crises
- Responsibilities in Decolonization
- Creating Mobilization Resources
- Resource Mapping
- Trauma-informed community-engagement in research
- Community-based research toward Policy Change
- Peer Researcher Training: Capacity Building and Engagement of Peers for Success Research Outcomes

CBRCanada will be announcing a call for those who would like to guest facilitate upcoming 2025 CoP Monthly Gatherings.

We hope to explore topics including:

- Community-based research in STEM fields
- Arts-based community research
- Funding strategies for community-based research

Averaging **125 registrants** for CoP


All CBRCanada members are welcome to join and/or guest facilitate a CoP session

"CBRCanada's Community of Practice offered a rare opportunity to share my doctoral research nationally with like-minded people engaged in research for social change. Drawing on our lived experience, some of my research partners and I shared how we can collectively widen access and participation in Canadian universities for students from poverty and the social innovation model we created from the research. Because of CBRCanada providing this opportunity more folks reached out to me on how to support this oft overlooked population. Thus, the CBRCanada Community of Practice offers an unparalleled opportunity to mobilize research to address systemic injustice."

- Elaine J Laberge, PhD, Founder Shoestring Initiative

e-News

A national communications and knowledge sharing hub for community-based research.

NEWS 

- Regular sharing of member news via a monthly e-newsletter, the CBRCanada website, and social media platforms

- Currently 2,137 e-news subscribers, and 2,241 LinkedIn followers

- Members can share their community-based research initiatives, events, and resources with a national audience

"As an organization new to the CBR space, we've found tremendous value in being part of the CBRCanada family. Not only does membership connect us with others doing similar work, but it serves as a mechanism to share what we're up to, access resources, and work through common challenges."

- Julia Armstrong, Manager, Mental Health Commission of Canada

National Awards

A national awards program annually recognizing excellence in community-based research scholars and partnerships.

National Award Gala held in May 2024

Two Awards and Four Honorary Mentions:


- Emerging Community-Based Researcher(s)
- Community Campus Research Partnership(s)
- 40 inspiring nominations across Canada

2025 CBRCanada Award Program (Fifth year)

Call for Nominations for two awards (coming soon):

- 1. Excellence in Community-Campus Research Partnership Award
- 2. Emerging Community-Based Researcher Award
- Exploring Options to Add to our Rewards Program...

Community Voices Building Home in Nishnawbe Aski Nation Partnership

Dr. Marsha Rampersaud 

Training and Coaching

An online certificate course and tailored training to bridge capacity in conducting community-based research with excellence.

2024 

- Offered **two cohorts** of the *Community-Based Research Certificate Course: Fundamentals and Excellence*
- Consisted of **70 course alumni**
- Workshops and coaching were tailored to the needs of research teams and organizations
- First ever Summer Institute was offered

2025


- The *Community-Based Research Certificate Course* will be offered in Spring and Fall 2025
- Tailored workshops and coaching is available for post-secondary institutions and community organizations
- CBRCanada members receive a discount on course registration
- Repeat the Success of the Summer Institute

"The Community-Based Research Certificate Course: Fundamentals and Excellence is invaluable for anyone interested in doing community-based research 'right.' Useful for academics and community practitioners alike, the course is well structured, led by skilled and knowledgeable instructors, and incorporates a variety of helpful readings, resources, and guest lectures. I feel more confident engaging in community-based research as a result of taking this course"

- Community-Based Research Certificate Graduate

C2UExpo

A bi-annual conference bringing community and university scholars together to showcase research and strengthen national networks

C2UExpo 2025 Partners in Place 

- Hosted by MacEwan University in Edmonton, Alberta
- When? May 12-15, 2025
- Members receive a 10% registration discount
- Awarding the Host(s) for C2UExpo2027 (Applications Out Now!)

"The C2UExpo Conference provided me with the opportunity to learn from colleagues doing innovative community engagement work as well as to meet new colleagues in the field. It was a truly generative learning experience."

- Jennifer Esmail, Director, Centre for Community Partnerships at the University of Toronto

Online Resources

A growing collection of resources to showcase community-based research projects and advance best practices.

- The Resource Centre featured **over 450** member research products and resources on ethics, theory, methods and the community-based research movement
- Revamp Incoming for our Resource Centre

- The Webinars and Discussions Featured all past CBRCanada webinar recordings and discussion summaries
- Continued encouragement for Members to contribute to innovative thinking and best practices

Collective Action

Working collectively as a network to advance practices, policy, and funding for research with communities.

CBRCanada will continue to be a conduit to the national and global community-based research movement and national funding agencies

Tri-annual gatherings held with Pan-Canadian organizations advancing community-campus research partnerships

Members continuously advance best practices through learning events, discussions and resource sharing

Grant applications submitted to Lab2Market NSERC together with York University and Research Impact Canada

Members can leverage the network of 70+ organizations to advocate for policy changes

Join as a member, and gain access to the 2025 offerings!

 CBRCanada is a non-profit organization that relies on membership fees. The membership fees are based on a sliding scale.

- Organizational membership covers all staff, faculty, and students as members.
- Individual membership is available for those who do not belong to a member organization.

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