**Accelerating Innovation through Applied Research**

**Feb 12th - Feb 13th, 2018**

**Shaw Centre**

**Tentative Program**

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**Monday, February 12**

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  **Breakfast and Registration**

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  **Opening**

**Welcoming remarks**
Co-chairs: Tim Walzak, Director, Applied Research and Innovation, Camosun College (Day 1) and Marc Nantel, Associate Vice President, Research & Innovation, Niagara College (Day 2)

- Denise Amyot, President and CEO, Colleges and Institutes Canada

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  **Keynote Speaker**

- Paul Thompson, Associate Deputy Minister, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) *(invited)*

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  **Update on Mitacs Accelerate: New eligibility for colleges and institutes**

A presentation by Mitacs on what they heard through consultations and proposed modifications for the Accelerate program to support collaborative research internships for college and institute students

- Alison Ewart, Senior Director, National Programs, Mitacs Inc.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  **Networking Break**
Growing Talent through Work and Research Integrated Learning (WRIL)

This session will feature college and institute students, along with their instructors and industry partners, who will share their experience with applied research projects as a WRIL experience and discuss the potential for growing Canada’s talent for current and future needs.

**Moderator:** Rachel Moerschfelder, Vice-President External, SAIT Student Association (SAITSA)

- Ashley Nguyen, student and John O’Leary, Chair - Industry and Innovation, College of the North Atlantic
- Danielle Marcoux and Julie Waddell, students, and Mira Ray, Director for Applied Research and Innovation, Georgian College
- Élizabeth Gauthier, student and Patrick Bérubé, director, Continuing Training and Research, Cégep de Victoriaville

Travel and Security Clearance Time from Shaw Center to Sir John A. MacDonald Building

Student Innovation Showcase and Lunch

At a lunch reception hosted on Parliament Hill, college and institute students will showcase their applied research projects. They will explain how they were able to find innovative solutions to an industry or community partner’s problem and share what they gained from that experience. Parliamentarians and federal officials will be invited to engage with students and college and institute representatives on the value of college and institute applied research.

- The Honourable Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism

Travel Time from Sir John A. MacDonald Building to Shaw Center

Accelerating Economic Impact for Inclusive Growth (Part 1)

This session will feature a panel presentation on the Economic Strategy Sector Tables by representatives from the federal government, and on Skills and Innovation needs for key growth sectors by industry representatives.

- Andrea Johnston, Director General, Economic Strategy Tables and Skills Branch, Industry Sector, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)
Jean-Pierre Giroux, National Director, Skills and Talent Development, Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium
Namir Anani, President and CEO, Information and Communications Technology Council

3:15 p.m. – 3:35 p.m. Networking Break

3:35 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. Accelerating Economic Impact for Inclusive Growth (Part 2)
This session will unfold around sectoral roundtable discussions with college and institute representatives on opportunities to strengthen industry partnerships to advance innovation and skills development in the key economic sectors targeted by the federal government.

Sectoral Roundtables:
- Advanced Manufacturing Sector
- Digital Industries Sector
- CleanTech Sector
- Agri-Food
- Bio-Sciences and Health

4:20 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Armchair Discussion: Scaling Up Small and Medium Enterprises

Moderator: Vanessa Williamson, Dean, Applied Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Seneca College

- Corinne Pohlmann, Senior Vice-President, National Affairs and Partnerships, Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)
- Valerie Walker, Vice-President, Business Council of Canada

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Reception
Tuesday, February 13

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast and Registration

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Keynote Speakers

  o Dr. Roseann O’Reilly Runte, President and CEO, Canada Foundation for Innovation
  o David Lametti, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  (En)lightening Talks

  Applied research leaders from colleges and institutes across the country will present, in a “Lightning Talks” format, their research projects and partnership results.

  o Russ Wilde, Director, Academic Innovation & Applied Research, Bow Valley College
  o Diane Burt, Director, Applied Research & Innovation, New Brunswick Community College
  o Brent Wennekes, Research Manager, Research Partnerships & Innovation, Red River College
  o Patrick Bérubé, Director, Continuing Training and Research, Cégep de Victoriaville

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Business Innovation for a Thriving Canada

  Colleges and institutes occupy a very specific niche when it comes to scaling-up businesses and supporting technology transfer and play a key role in growing local and regional economies. A panel of college and institute leaders will share their perspectives on how applied research enterprises support business innovation and will exchange on policy directions to build and expand upon existing federal programs.

  Moderator: Mathieu Vigneault, Executive Director, Réseau Trans-tech

  o Mehdi Sheikhzadeh, Executive Dean, Applied Research and Innovation, Lambton College
  o Susan Blum, Associate Vice-President, Applied Research and Innovation, Saskatchewan Polytechnic
  o Jeffrey Taylor, Associate Vice President, Applied Research & Innovation, Nova Scotia Community College
  o Nathalie Méthot, Manager, Research and Innovation Office, La Cité
10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.  Building the Car of the Future: Mapping World Leading Innovation & Research

- Giuliano Tolusso, Manager, Supplier and Aftermarket Unit, Automotive, Transportation and Digital Technologies Branch, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.  Networking Break

11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.  Applied Social Innovation for Empowered Communities

*College and institute leaders will share perspectives on their contributions to social innovation within their communities and regions and will explore challenges and opportunities for growing their impact across Canada. They will also share views on policy solutions to further leverage college and institute capacity to strengthening Canada’s social infrastructure and improving the quality of life for Canadians.*

**Moderator:** John Helliker, Dean, Innovation and Engagement, Sheridan College

- Dawn Davidson, Associate Vice President, Research and Innovation, George Brown College
- Lynn Lapostolle, Executive Director, Association pour la recherche au collégial (ARC)
- Russ Wilde, Director, Academic Innovation & Applied Research, Bow Valley College

12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.  Lunch

1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.  Health Innovation for Improved Services and Care

*Applied research in the health sector leads to innovation in the development and application of technology and the delivery of care, with positive social and economic outcomes. In the context of Canada’s current demographic challenges, this panel will discuss how to fully tap into colleges and institutes’ potential for this sector.*

**Moderator:** Tim Walzak, Director, Camosun Applied Research and Innovation, Camosun College and Chair of CICan National Research Advisory Committee (NRAÇ)

- Deborah Gordon-El-Bihbety, President and CEO, Research Canada
- Christine Nielsen, CEO, Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLC)
- Wendy Lawson, Associate Dean, Medical Radiation Sciences and Allied Health, Mohawk College
2:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.  Networking Break

2:40 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.  Policy Dialogue: Step Up for Canada’s Innovation and Skills Plan

Reflecting on the perspectives shared during the Symposium, representatives from the granting agencies will discuss the future of federal support for college and institute applied research and how the college and institute community can fully support Canada’s Innovation and Skills Plan.

**Moderator:** Marc Fortin, Vice-President, Research Partnerships Directorate, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)

- Bert van den Berg, Director, Colleges, Commercialization and Portfolio Planning, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- David Clements, Director General, Partnerships and Business Development, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Tim Wilson, Executive Director, Research Grants and Partnerships Division, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- Grégory Fruchet, Industrial Technology Advisor, National Research Council -Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP)

3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Closing remarks

- Christine Trauttmansdorff, Vice-President, Government Relations and Canadian Partnerships, Colleges and Institutes Canada

4:00 p.m.  Adjournment