

CICan's 50th Anniversary Op-Ed Anthology



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Guidelines for submissions

As we celebrate 50 years of work on behalf of Canada's colleges, institutes, CEGEPs and polytechnics, we are calling on our members, partners and friends from across Canada and around the world to join us in reflecting on what the future has in store. This will take the form of a series of opinion pieces that will be shared throughout 2022, as part of our ongoing anniversary celebrations.

The objective of this series is to reflect on the past and look to the future. It is an opportunity to share diverse perspectives and insights about the college system as a whole, as well as the broader landscape of postsecondary education and the labour market. We hope to explore a variety of topics such as the future of work and skills development, applied research, building a green economy, and the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion.

Distribution

The pieces will be hosted on our blog and shared through our bi-weekly newsletter, which reaches a wide audience of readers with a passion for post-secondary education.

Format

We are open to different styles of texts, from narrative driven first-person accounts to more analytic exercises, but we ask that you keep them short and focused. Our ideal word count for this series is about 500-800 words.

Please keep in mind that our readers may not be experts on your given topic. Keep your text accessible and avoid including too much jargon.

When submitting an op-ed, please include a picture and a very short bio (no more than 2-3 sentences, though you can link to a web-based bio or profile if you wish).

Publication calendar

We expect to share at least one piece per month throughout 2022 and will confirm your date.

Contribute now!

To submit an opinion piece or for more information, please contact **Julien Abord-Babin** at jabord-babin@collegesinstitutes.ca

Examples of potential topics

General

- Reflections on the growth and impact of CICan over the years and what potential lies ahead for the next 50 years

International

- How can Canadian colleges support the future of education internationally?
- The importance of international students to Canada's future prosperity
- The future of student mobility

Indigenous education

- The relationship between colleges/institutes and their local Indigenous communities – and the next steps for reconciliation
- The role and importance of national leadership to achieve meaningful reconciliation

Collaboration with industry

- Testimonies from employers about the impact of their college/institute partnerships and their future potential.
- The future of Program advisory committees (challenges, new trends in collaboration, etc.)

Applied research

- The evolution of applied research at colleges and institutes
- The role of applied research in solving Canada's challenges for the next 50 years

Environment/Sustainable development

- The role of colleges and institutes in building a green economy and achieving Canada's net zero emission objectives
- Achieving the SDGs by 2030

Future of work/Skills development

- The future of Canada's workforce and the role of colleges and institutes
- Colleges and institutes teaching skills for the future

Leadership

- What will college leadership look like in the future? What are the skills needed? What should future leaders focus on?

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