

**10th Annual DLSPH Student-Led
Conference**

the next150:



***Resisting Colonialism and
(Re)claiming Health on Turtle
Island***

***Call for
Proposals***



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THE NEXT 150
Resisting Colonialism and (Re)claiming Health on Turtle Island

The Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH) is proud to announce a call for proposal submissions for its the 10th Annual Student-Led Conference. This year's conference is named The *Next150*: Resisting colonialism and (re)claiming Health on Turtle Island.

About The Conference

This two-day event will bring together academics, students, public health professionals, health care providers, activists and community organizations who are interested in promoting the health and healing of communities affected by colonialism. In the wake of Canada150, this conference will acknowledge the role institutions and health research have historically and continue to play in the oppression and marginalization of Indigenous communities.

The Next150 will honour the resistance of Indigenous peoples to colonialism by highlighting the work of critical academics and students, community acts of resistance, and land as the centre of (re)claiming health and healing.

For more information visit our website [here](#).

Conference Details

We are now accepting submissions of proposals in the form of research abstracts or community practice. The goal of the Research and Practice Committee is to create space to center decolonial and anti-colonial work in both research and community, and we need your help!

The overall goals of this showcase are:

1. To highlight multiple forms of systemic and institutional practices that create unjust and inequitable health outcomes in Canada.
2. To draw linkages between multiple forms of resistance for the reclamation of health for communities that have been historically and continue to be oppressed.
3. To center Indigenous voices and knowledge in reconciliation engagements and efforts to improve health and healing.
4. To understand how non-Indigenous public health professionals, academics and health care providers can engage in solidarity work and create more equitable health outcomes for all peoples in Canada.

Important Dates

Submission Deadline:

October 10th

Notice of Acceptance Date:

October 20th

Conference:

November 10 & 11

Conference Values

It is critical that the work shared at the *Next150* aligns with values that honour Indigenous communities in meaningful and important ways. As such, eight values guide the planning, implementation and evaluation of our conference. Read more about them [here](#).



Continuous Learning



Community Resistance



Disrupting the dominant narrative



Community Engagement



Co-creating a representative platform



Acknowledging various ways of knowing



Reciprocity



Strengths based approach

Conference Streams

Next150 is built around three broad streams: critical research, land, and community resistance.

Critical Research: will showcase work that (1) uses methodologies that explicitly acknowledge how traditional hierarchies of power can be subverted or undone through the research process (2) centers Indigenous peoples and their truths in the design, implementation and interpretation of research (3) broadens the scope of what is considered “knowledge” through recognizing multiple and historically subjugated “non academic” sources of knowledge.

Land and Food Sovereignty: Indigenous worldviews make land and water inseparable from health and wellbeing. Connection to land, cultural reclamation, and rematriation are vital to sovereignty, healing the land, and improving health for Indigenous peoples. This stream will explore and share the centrality to land and Indigenous health through hands-on, community and theory-based activities.

Community Resistance: Community anti-colonial and decolonial practices center acts of Indigenous resistance and implicates the role of settler solidarity in transforming the reclamation of health and healing. Through this stream, community resistance work will share how the narrative around Indigenous peoples is more than the sum of their oppressions and emphasize our role in action, capacity building, reclamation of jurisdiction and sovereignty.

Frequently Asked Questions

We welcome proposals through two broad categories: community practice and research.

What proposals are you looking for?

For the **community practice** category, we invite proposals in the form of workshops, presentations, and any form of knowledge sharing or discussions. For the **research** category, we are interested to hear about a range of projects, including community based research, evaluation, policy, and more. We are excited to hear about new ways of sharing knowledge, engaging in critical research, solidarity work, and other arenas! Interested in setting up a table instead through an organization you feel might be relevant to the conference? Email us at researchdlsphconference@gmail.com!

How long are presentations?

You tell us! We welcome proposals ranging from 10 minutes to 50 in the **community practice** group, 15-20 for **research oral presentations**, and a 1.5 hour session for the **research posters**. *Note:* to accommodate accepted proposals, the time that applicants are offered may differ from what is suggested.

What are the benefits to participating?

All presenters will gain free access to the conference weekend, and there will be a poster judging session, with the opportunity for participants to be recognized for their work. We strongly encourage **Indigenous graduate students** to apply, and will provide supports for application and presentation skill-building in partnership with Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement (SAGE) in the Centre for Indigenous Studies. Sharing your work also has the ability to influence work happening across a variety of sectors, and creates a space for critical engagement in topics of colonialism, resistance work, and health.

How do I participate?

Follow the instructions to complete a community practice or research abstract proposal, and submit it online through our website by October 1, 2017 at 11:59pm. The links to apply are below.

Read below to understand how proposals will be selected.

To submit a community practice proposal, [click here](#) for instructions.

To submit a research abstract, [click here](#) for instructions.

Evaluating Proposals

The proposals will be selected based on the following criteria:

Community Practice:

- Evidence of alignment with conference values (e.g. community engagement, etc.)
- Evidence of the project's relevance to 1) the community it hopes to serve 2) the objectives of this conference
- Appropriateness and adequacy of the approach and methodology used in the project
- Clarity of writing and proposal completeness
- Originality and creativity of project

Research Abstract:

- Relevance of topic to conference themes and/or streams
- Transparency of project and reliability
- Validity of methods and methodology in context of the study
- Impact and relevance of findings to Indigenous communities and/or practice of critical research and colonialism
- Alignment of research practices to conference values, community engagement principles, and OCAP

Note: If selected to participate in the conference, you will receive further details on poster dimensions, logistics, and presentation guidelines.



CONTACT US

Ready to submit or have questions? Email your inquiry to researchdlsphconference@gmail.com

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