

2026 Canadian Oral Health Summit (COHS)

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK – June 18–20, 2026

Call for Proposals: Symposia, Workshops, Lunch & Learn, and Exploring New Collaborations and Opportunities

The 2026 Canadian Oral Health Summit invites submissions for a wide range of academic, clinical, and collaborative activities. Proposals involving participation across professions, institutions, disciplines, and sectors will be prioritized. We also encourage proposals that include speakers or participants with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

Please submit proposals for the following categories:

1. **Symposia** – Up to four speakers, 90 minutes total
2. **Workshops** – Skill-development or training sessions
3. **Lunch & Learn** – One-hour sessions during the lunch break
4. **Exploring New Collaborations and Opportunities** –
A dedicated format for presenters to introduce new ideas, propose partnerships, or explore shared interests across institutions, research groups, clinical programs, associations, or industry. Each presenter will have 10 minutes to present their idea followed by 10 minutes of open discussion, allowing participants to ask questions, express interest in collaboration, and identify concrete opportunities for joint work.
5. **Themed Panel Discussions** – Structured conversations on defined topics or emerging issues

Sessions may be delivered in English or French (no translation provided).

Guidelines for Proposal Submission

Applicants must clearly indicate on their email title which of the following categories applies to their submission:

1. Symposium
2. Workshop
3. Lunch & Learn
4. Exploring New Collaborations and Opportunities
5. Themed Panel Discussion

Proposals may be submitted in English or French and should consist of the following contents:

- Proposal leader/lead organizer
- Proposal Title
- Learning and/or activity objectives
- Proposal Description (300 words maximum). This should include how this session will discuss and/or promote interdisciplinary collaboration
- Participants – this can be generic (e.g. a scientist, a nurse, a student, industry representative, member of associations, etc.) or provide specific names if known
- Target audience (e.g. students; clinicians; researchers; a mix of health professionals; etc.)
- Amount of time required for the activity

Additional Information

- The COHS Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept or reject proposals.
- The COHS Organizing Committee reserves the right to adjust the amount of time an activity may be given in the program so as to enable more activities and to accommodate the program to available space
- While people may participate in more than one proposed activity, they may only lead one, and priority will be given to accepting proposals from as broad a range of people and organizations as possible, so second proposals from the same lead person may be refused if there is not space in the program
- The activity organizer will be responsible for communicating with all other participants in your proposal.
- All activity participants must register for the COHS.
- Activity organizers will be held to the schedule as programmed.
- The proposal leader/organizer must act participate in the activity.
- All fees and expenses associated with the preparation, submission, and presentation of the activity including, but not limited to, travel, accommodations, and meeting registration, are the responsibility of the participants.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: any activity requiring the use of a laboratory, clinic and/or other specialized space beyond a normal meeting or teaching room MUST involve a University of Saskatchewan, College of Dentistry participant to enable the logistics of using the space.
- The notification of acceptance will be sent via email to the proposal leader/organizer the end of January 2026.

Submission Deadline:

The deadline for submission of proposals is **11:59 pm CST January 5th, 2026**. **The submission of the proposal will be by e-mail only addressed to COHS Organizing Committee at symposium.COHS@usask.ca**. Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the person submitting the proposal. If an acknowledgement is not received by January 12th, 2026, please contact symposium.COHS@usask.ca.

Any questions about this proposal process should be directed to symposium.COHS@usask.ca.