

# Joining Our Expert Community on Housing!

## What is the Expert Community on Housing (ECOH)?

ECOH is Canada's only collaborative, virtual community of housing experts. The Community was created to share housing knowledge and to contribute to the development of housing solutions. We already have over 500 members on the platform and we are still growing!

## What can be considered "expertise"?

Not sure if you would consider yourself a housing expert? We consider individuals with [lived experience](#) from [vulnerable groups](#) experts as well.

## ECOH offers the opportunity for members to:

- Connect with other housing experts and individuals with lived experience.
- Inform housing decision making
- Access an inventory of housing experts
- Seek input on their work

ECOH enables members to engage in discussions within the community on a range of topics, including the [National Housing Strategy key priority areas](#):

- Housing for Those in Greatest Need
- Community Housing Sustainability
- Indigenous Housing
- Northern Housing
- Sustainable Housing and Communities
- Balanced Supply of Housing

## Why Should Students Join ECOH?

- It keeps students in the know about trends, news, and innovation in the housing industry
- It fosters a sense of community which will give students the opportunity to connect, network and collaborate with established industry experts from across the country in a variety of fields
- ECOH has task teams which allow for more concentrated work and discussion on specific subject areas such as an Innovation Space task team. Task teams can also be private and a space for ECOH members to collaborate!
- The platform hosts free webinars which are led by community members on a range of thought provoking topics such as Modular Construction for Sustainable, Affordable Housing and Social Innovation Approaches to Canada's Housing Challenges which affords students the opportunity to continue learning outside of the classroom

## How do I sign-up?

We use Microsoft Teams to connect the community! Whether you want to have a one-on-one conversations, join a webinar or share project files, ECOH on Teams let's you do it all! Interested in signing-up? Complete the registration form [here](#).

**ECOH welcomes a variety of voices and experience, including students' voices. Sign-up for the Expert Community on Housing to get started sharing with and learning from our amazing community!**