

SCIENCE MEETS PARLIAMENT

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Canadian Science Policy Centre (CSPC) and the Office of the Chief Science Advisor (OCSA) are pleased to accept the applications for the fourth iteration of the program: Science Meets Parliament 2024!

The program includes several training zoom sessions over winter and spring, and two days of events in Ottawa on May 6-7, 2024.



“The Science Meets Parliament program is unlike anything I’ve ever experienced before. To be able to see the excitement that individuals in the policy realm have for science and the power that we as scientists have to promote how our work impacts Canadians around the country was immensely valuable.”

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this initiative is to strengthen the connections between Canada’s scientific and political communities, enable a two-way dialogue, and participate in policy development initiatives. This initiative aims to help scientists become familiar with policy making at the political level, and for parliamentarians to explore using scientific evidence in policy making, enable two-way dialogue, and promote mutual understanding. The program is NOT an advocacy exercise for science or for the scientific community.

This will be the fourth Canadian Science Meets Parliament. Over 110 emerging leaders in the scientific community have benefitted from the policy and communications skills developed through Science Meets Parliament.



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ELIGIBILITY

The program will be available to three streams:

- Researchers who currently hold a **Tier II Canada Research Chair position** and are affiliated with a Canadian post-secondary institution (Tier II Canada Research Chair status must be announced by October 11th, 2023).
- **Indigenous Principal Investigators** (priority will be given to researchers who are independent investigators affiliated with academic research institutions).
- Researchers who currently hold a **Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship** and are affiliated with a Canadian post-secondary institution (Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship status must be announced by October 11th, 2023).



**Application deadline:
October 11th, 2023**

PROGRAM

The Science Meets Parliament 2024 program will include:



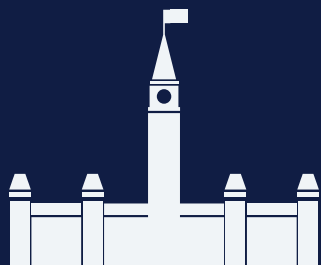
Virtual workshops on evidence-based decision making, science communication and media, equity and diversity, policy making in Parliament, and policy making in bureaucracy.



An orientation session in Ottawa that includes information about the business of Parliament and exercises that prepare delegates to speak with politicians.



Meetings with members of Parliament, senators, and the Chief Science Advisor of Canada.



Observation of House and/or Senate committee meetings.



Attending Question Period in Parliament.



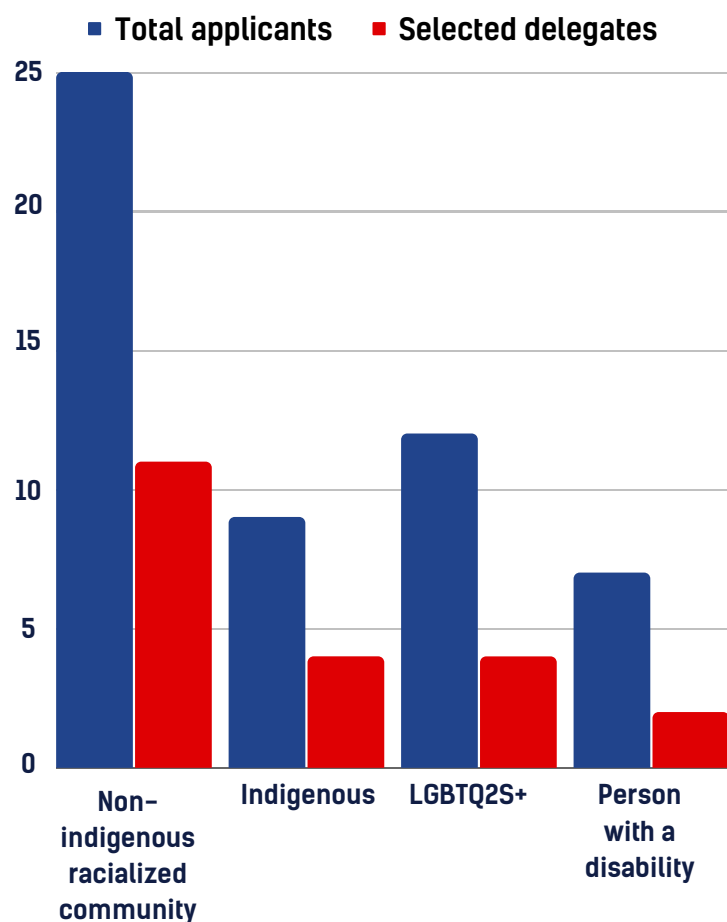
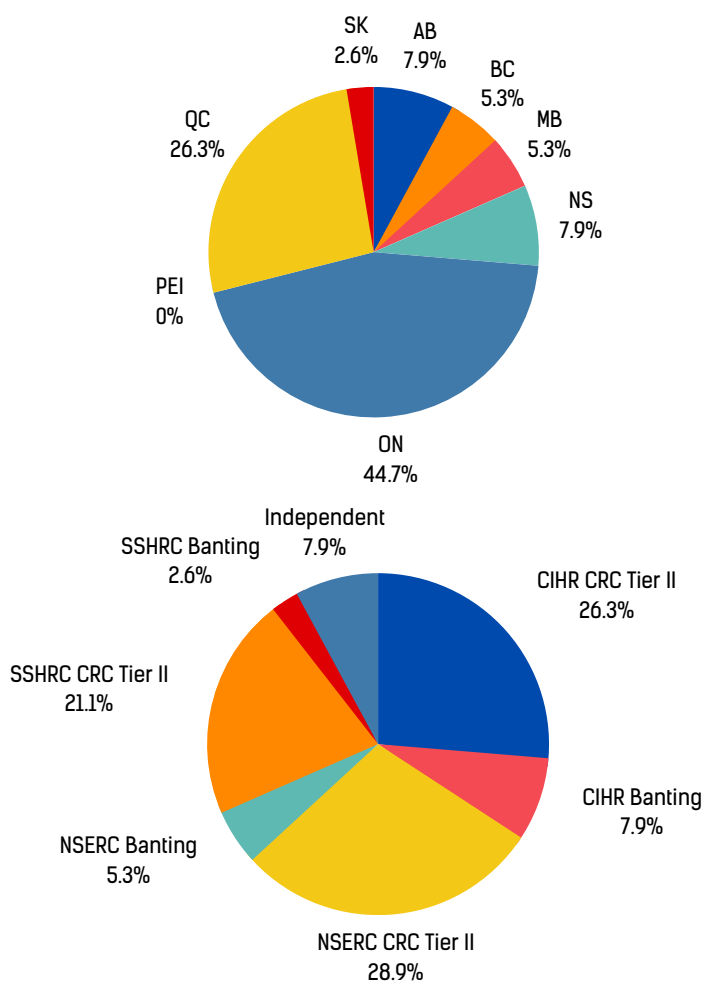
Networking reception with MPs, senators, staff, and public servants.



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SURVEY DATA

Selected delegates



93%

Found meeting peers across fields extremely valuable

93%

Consider themselves more likely to reach out to a Parliamentarian

100%

Rate Science Meets Parliament as a positive experience overall



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"Science Meets Parliament is something Canada needs - to make sure that our society benefits from the engagement of researchers and policy makers."



"This outstanding training program gave me a deeper understanding of how to engage effectively with policymakers, while allowing me to raise awareness of my research. The in-person event with Parliamentarians exceeded my expectations!"