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**2025**



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This year marks the fifth Science Meets Parliament Program since its inauguration in 2018. Since then, the program has expanded to the provinces, with the first-ever SMP-BC in April 2024 and now is expanding to Ontario in 2025. This program has become the largest platform that connects researchers to Parliamentarians where more than 200 researchers have met with more than 200 parliamentarians in one on one meetings. SMP is a high-impact opportunity for researchers in Canada to strengthen their relationship with parliamentarians, learn about policymaking and develop skills and experience in science policy.

## OBJECTIVES

The objective of this initiative is to strengthen the connections between Canada's scientific and political communities, enable a two-way dialogue, and promote mutual understanding. 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. The program is NOT an advocacy exercise for science or for the scientific community.





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## INVESTMENT IMPACT

This program relies only on the sponsorship and delegates registration fees. Your sponsorship provides a unique opportunity for prominent recognition, particularly among provincial parliamentarians and policymakers, positioning your organization as a key contributor to shaping impactful initiatives and fostering meaningful dialogue.

By Sponsoring Science Meets Parliament, your organization will:

- **Gain Institutional Recognition:** As a forward-thinking and leading institution that is actively involved in advancing the science-policy interface and contributing to the public good.
- **Empower Future Leaders:** Inspire early-career researchers by demonstrating the importance of their role in the science-policy interface, creating a pipeline of future leaders equipped to connect with policymakers.
- **Support Professional Development** of early career research, with unique opportunities to learn about the legislative process and develop skills in communicating complex scientific information to non-expert audiences.
- **Bridge the Gap:** Facilitate direct interaction between scientists and policymakers, enabling researchers to share their expertise and contribute to evidence-based policy-making.





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## MAKE YOUR ORGANIZATION A CHAMPION OF CANADA'S SCIENCE MEETS PARLIAMENT PROGRAM

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You can become a sponsor of either one of the Federal (deferred to 2026), Ontario, or BC programs, or sponsor two programs: one Federal (deferred to 2026) and one of the provincial programs combined at a discounted rate. All CSPC partners will receive special discount as listed below.

Benefits	Champions (\$10,000+)	Partners (>\$6000)	Collaborators (>\$3000)
Advertisement in Delegate Booklet	Full page	Half page	Logo
Dedicated social media acknowledgement	5	3	1
Invitation to networking reception with delegates, parliamentarians, bureaucrats, private sector partners, and invited guests	3	2	1
Free pass to CSPC 2024	2	1	
Podium acknowledgement	✓	✓	✓
Logo on the website	✓	✓	✓
Logo acknowledgement in email to delegates	✓	✓	✓
Logo acknowledgement on the poster before the beginning of virtual sessions	✓	✓	✓
Banner display at event	✓	✓	
Free entry for one delegate*	✓	✓	
Selection and free entry for one delegate*	✓		
Opportunity to welcome delegates in orientation session or in one of the virtual sessions	✓		

\*CSPC will work with Champion-level Sponsors to assist in identifying a candidate. Sponsored candidates must still meet some qualification criteria. Limited to 5 Champion-level sponsors.

\*IMPORTANT: There is a special discount for organizations who are a CSPC partner, Program Member, or sponsor of the Federal SMP program.

Special Discount for CSPC Partners:

50% discount: CSPC Conference Leader Partner

30% discount: CSPC Conference Innovator Partner

20% discount: SCPS Conference Influencer Partner

10% discount: CSPC Conference Thinker or Collaborator Partners



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## TESTIMONIALS

### What delegates are saying:

“The Science meets Parliament experience was a rich and transformative experience. It offered a real-world opportunity for scientists and policymakers to interact together. It helped understand better our different languages, cultures and codes, as well as the relationship-building work that is required to bridge these two different and interdependent worlds. Moreover, this was a great opportunity to connect with fellow scientists from a wide range of disciplines, and build on our common interests in contributing to informed public debates.”

“This program has fundamentally changed my mindset about science’s role in Canada’s governance. The experience will help to shape the ways in which I disseminate my research, and encourage me to become more involved in decision-making. Most critically, the program has shown me that tools to inform policy exist, but the responsibility falls on scientists to use them, and use them effectively.”

“Science Meets Parliament was an enlightening and empowering experience. It provided a unique platform for scientists like me to directly engage with policymakers, fostering invaluable dialogue and collaboration. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to evidence-based decision-making and drive positive change in our society. Thank you to the organizers, Parliamentarians, sponsors, and all involved for making this impactful event possible.”

“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!”

### What MP’s are saying:

“The meetings are worthwhile opportunities for MP’s to get a better sense of the scope and depth of research being done in Canada, how we collaborate internationally and both the value and limitations of science in policymaking.”

“La rencontre avec les scientifiques est un opportunité d’en apprendre sur l’expertise disponible pour les parlementaires et leurs travaux en comité.”

“Meeting with the delegates added another layer of technicality that is often missed in policy work and thus compliments the work of Parliamentarians very well. We need to ensure science is engaged in all levels of policy writing to ensure proper and efficient implementation.”



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## PROGRAM

The Science Meets Parliament 2025 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 the province capital that includes information about the business of Parliament and exercises that prepare delegates to speak with politicians.



Meetings with Members of the Legislative Assembly.



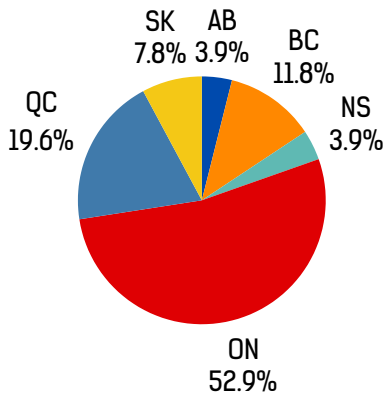
Networking reception with MPs and staff.

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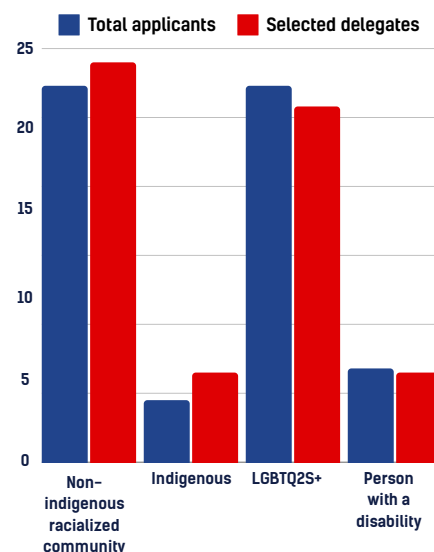
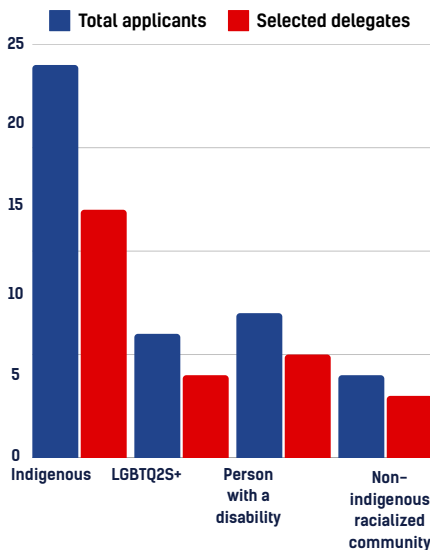
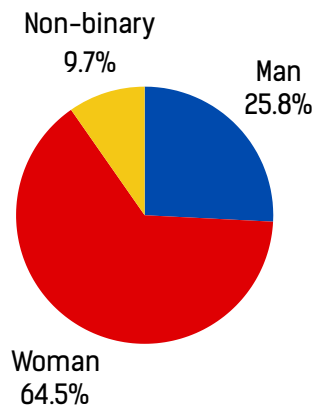
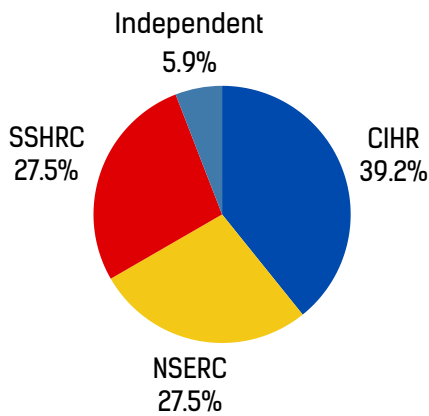
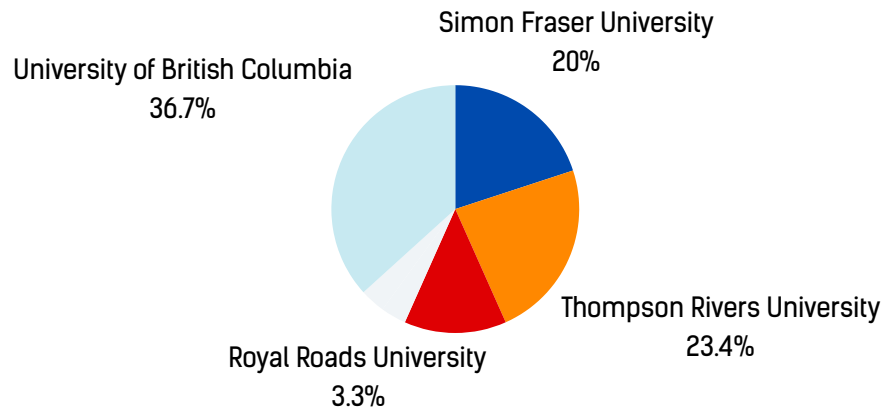
## SMP 2024 SURVEY DATA

## SMP-BC 2024 SURVEY DATA

Selected delegates



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