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This year marks the sixth 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 expanded to SMP-Ontario in 2025. This program has become the largest platform that connects researchers to Parliamentarians where more than 250 researchers have met with more than 250 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.

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 MLAs and provincial 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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The Science Meets Parliament 2026 program will include:



A mandatory orientation session that includes information about the business of Parliament and exercises that prepare delegates to speak with politicians



Meetings with Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) BC or Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) ON



Virtual workshops on science policy evidence-based decision making, science communication and media



Networking reception with Members of Provincial Legislatures and staff



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IMPORTANT NOTE: You can become a sponsor of either one of the Federal, Ontario, or BC programs, or sponsor two programs: one Federal and one of the provincial programs combined at a discounted rate. All CSPC partners will receive a 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, MLAs, MPPs, Bureaucrats, Private Sector Partners, and Invited Guests	3	2	1
Free pass to CSPC 2026	2	1	
Podium Acknowledgement	✓	✓	✓
Logo on the Website	✓	✓	✓
Logo Acknowledgement in Email to Delegates	✓	✓	✓
Logo Acknowledgement on the Poster Presented at the Beginning of Virtual Sessions	✓	✓	✓
Banner Display at Event	✓	✓	
Selection of One Delegate* (Registration is still required)	✓	✓	
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.

Special Discount for CSPC Partners:

50% discount: CSPC Conference Leader Level

30% discount: CSPC Conference Innovator Level

20% discount: CSPC Conference Influencer Level

10% discount: CSPC Conference Thinker & Collaborator Levels



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What BC Delegates are saying:

"BC Science Meets Parliament was an incredible opportunity to experience policymaking in the province firsthand and learn directly from policymakers themselves, both MLAs and staff. In just 2 days spent at the BC legislature, I made invaluable connections and learned how I can better leverage and communicate my research to inform policy across the province."

"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 is a well-crafted professional development opportunity to enhance the practice of science communication, connect evidence to policy-making and learn more intimately and in-depth about the legislative process."

"Science Meets Parliament was an incredible opportunity to learn about the interface between science and policy, and gave me a rare opportunity to directly interact with policymakers. There's no other program like it, definitely get on board if you have a chance!"

What BC MLAs are saying:

"The opportunity to meet with the people who are always working toward making life better for everybody is invaluable. Their breadth of curiosity and knowledge benefits us all!"

"Thank you for giving us all the opportunity to engage with scientists from our communities!"

What ON Delegates are saying:

"Learning about the connections between science and policy, both in theory and in practice, was an eye-opener. At the heart of it all, Scientists and Parliamentarians share a desire to make the world a better place. SMP-ON 2025 gave us the platform to make this happen!"

"The Science Meets Parliament program helped pull back the curtain and provide access to the fascinating world of policy. I had great conversations, learned new things, and even made new friends; I encourage every scientist to participate if they can."

"This was truly one of the most incredible and rewarding experiences I've had as an academic. Having the opportunity to connect with policymakers and discuss some of the issues I'm most passionate about was genuinely rejuvenating – it reminded me why I love this work and left me excited about my future research. And the opportunity to network with other researchers was such a valuable part of the experience. I will certainly be encouraging my colleagues to apply for future SMP programs."

"Participating in the Science Meets Parliament ON 2025 Program was an incredible experience! I got to directly engage with Canadian politicians, like local MPPs, to see how my research can align with their political agendas. I left the program feeling more connected, motivated, and optimistic about the future impact of my research. It was so well-planned, organized, and fun- I truly would recommend this program to everyone!"

What ON MPPs are saying:

"SMP did an excellent job of matching the MPP with scientists and that led to a fruitful discussion that provided useful data for the MPP's work."

"We need more scientists engaging in public policy, period."

"The delegate was able to succinctly provide information that helped us better understand an issue that our office has been focused on over the past few weeks."



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SMP in the Media:

University Affairs – [Science Meets Parliament Ontario 2025](#)

University of Victoria – [Science Meets Parliament BC 2025](#)

University of Toronto – [Science Meets Parliament: Building relationships between scientists and Parliamentarians in Canada](#)

Government of Canada [Science Meets Parliament – Reception 2023](#)

Western University – [Program brings together scientists and policymakers to improve communication, build relationships](#)

Concordia University – [2 Concordia researchers attend the 2023 Science Meets Parliament event in Ottawa – Concordia University](#)

University of Guelph – [U of G Scientists Meet with Federal Leaders at Science Meets Parliament – U of G News \(uoguelph.ca\)](#)

Brock University – [Brock researchers build bridges at national Science Meets Parliament event – The Brock News \(brocku.ca\)](#)

