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Research Impact Canada Offerings

As a member of the Research Impact Canada (RIC) network, institutions gain access to a vibrant community dedicated to advancing knowledge mobilization and research impact for the public good.

Members benefit from networking, shared resources, collaborative learning opportunities, tailored support for institutional capacity building, and access to national and international partnerships.

Joining RIC means connecting with peers, sharing best practices, and amplifying your institution's ability to turn research into action.

Learn more

RIC MEMBER PARTICIPATION

RIC Community of Practice

The RIC Community of Practice brings together **professional staff working in a knowledge mobilization capacity** (including **community engagement, research services, social innovation, communications, libraries**, and **evaluation and impact**) to exchange ideas, share experiences, and strengthen knowledge mobilization practice.

Through facilitated peer learning, access to practical tools, and networking across institutional boundaries, participants gain valuable insights and connections that help advance research impact within their own contexts and across the broader RIC network.

Dr. RIC Calls

The monthly, one-hour Dr. RIC calls offer an informal, member-led space for **staff, faculty, researchers,** and **graduate students** across RIC institutions to connect, share, and learn from one another. Members can present on their work, facilitate conversations on KMb topics that interest them, solicit feedback/advice on challenges, or request guest speakers. The agenda is entirely driven by members.

By fostering real-time dialogue and collaboration, the Dr. RIC calls help strengthen collective capacity and support the ongoing growth of knowledge mobilization practices within member institutions.

KMb Journal Club

The KMb Journal Club offers a concise and accessible way to engage with current scholarship in the field. Published monthly, each installment features a 400-word summary of a scholarly article related to knowledge mobilization practices, evaluation, and impact. These summaries make complex research more understandable and relevant to diverse audiences.

RIC members and the broader KMb community are encouraged to engage with the Journal Club posts for their own learning, group discussions, and leave their thoughts on the public posts. The Journal Club posts are posted on our RIC website, LinkedIn, and BlueSky.

RIC Committees

RIC offers **staff at RIC institutions** the opportunity to actively participate in a variety of committees and working groups, including **Evaluation**, **Bilingualism and Francophone**, **Professional Development**, **MobilizeU**, and **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (EDIA) Thinking Group**.

By joining, members can build their own understanding, contribute their expertise, help shape RIC's strategic initiatives, and engage in activities that advance knowledge mobilization and strengthen the network's impact.

Inter-Institutional Matchmaking

The inter-institutional database is a shared space designed to help **institutional RIC lead members** and other **active RIC members** connect and collaborate across institutions.

Hosted on Notion, the database is a RIC directory of all RIC leads and active members from each member institution and it also includes information on Network initiatives and KMb resources.

Follow-up conversations can continue directly via email, on our private members-only, LinkedIn group, on MS Teams or be proposed during the monthly Dr. RIC calls or network governance meetings.

RIC Newsletter

Delivered monthly, the RIC newsletter shares updates on the Network, upcoming KMb events and opportunities, and other highlights from across the Network, including a "RIC Member Spotlight" featuring members' success stories, initiatives, and lessons learned. **RIC members** can amplify announcements they wish to make to reach the **broader KMb community** by contributing to the newsletter.

RIC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

MobilizeU - Online KMb Training

MobilizeU is a virtual, 8-week program offered exclusively to **anyone at a RIC member institution**. Designed for beginner mobilizers across roles, the course features core modules, live sessions, and practical assignments that build essential knowledge mobilization (KMb) skills and understanding.

Open to **faculty, students**, and **staff** at each member institution, this hands-on learning experience provides a structured and engaging way to strengthen capacity for knowledge mobilization across diverse institutional contexts.

RIC KMb Tools & Resources

RIC offers a collection of freely accessible modules, toolkits, and guides designed to support effective knowledge mobilization and research impact. Curated and created by RIC staff and RIC members, these resources cover practical topics such as infographic design, partnership building, storytelling, and helping users communicate and apply research in meaningful ways. Available on the RIC Resources page, this growing library is **open to both on-campus and off-campus partners**, providing easy access to tools that strengthen collaboration, engagement, and impact across sectors.

RIC Webinars

RIC hosts regular webinars that explore a wide range of topics relevant to knowledge mobilization, including policy engagement, community-based research, knowledge assessment, etc. These sessions provide practical insights and strategies that support **RIC members** in enhancing their research impact and engagement efforts. RIC members can also request topics for the webinars. All webinar materials and recordings can be accessed through the RIC Resources page.

KMb Exchange Prgogram

Through the Knowledge Mobilization (KMb) Exchange Program, **RIC members** can apply for funding to support building institutional and individual capacity for knowledge exchange. Applications are reviewed by the Professional Development Committee, ensuring alignment with RIC's goals of fostering collaboration and shared learning across the network.

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RIC EVENTS

RIC Annual Meeting

The RIC Annual Meeting brings together members from across the network for an event focused on connection, collaboration, and collective growth. Designed as a space for networking, strategy development, and shared learning, the meeting enables participants to exchange insights, celebrate achievements, and strengthen the network. **Institutional RIC leads** and **actively engaged RIC members** in the Network often attend the annual meetings.

Canadian Knowledge Mobilization Forum

The Canadian Knowledge Mobilization Forum (CKF), hosted biennially by RIC, is a national gathering dedicated to advancing the practice and impact of knowledge mobilization. The forum features a dynamic mix of workshops, roundtables, lightning talks, poster presentations, and networking opportunities that foster learning, collaboration, and innovation among participants. Open to **anyone who works in or is interested in knowledge mobilization across diverse sectors and disciplines**, the event provides an inclusive space for shared learning, building connections, and strengthening the collective capacity of Canada's KMb community.

RIC AWARDS

RIC Engaged Scholarship Award for Graduate Students

The RIC Engaged Scholarship Award is an annual award that recognizes excellence in engaged scholarship among **Master's and PhD students at RIC member institutions**. It celebrates graduate students who demonstrate applying engaged scholarship principles to their research to mobilize knowledge and create real-world impact in collaboration with communities, organizations, or other partners. Winners receive a cash prize in the Master's and PhD categories.

Peter Levesque KMb Leadership Award

This biennial award celebrates exceptional leadership in advancing knowledge mobilization (KMb) as a professional field. It recognizes individuals who have demonstrated innovation, collaboration, and impact in supporting the exchange and application of knowledge across sectors and communities.

Open to **professional staff at RIC member institutions**, the award highlights those who champion knowledge mobilization in its many forms—whether through program development, partnership building, training, mentorship and leadership, or strategic initiatives that strengthen the practice and profession of KMb. It is especially suited for staff whose work supports and enhances knowledge mobilization capacity within and beyond their institutions.

RIC INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORTS

Grant Support

This initiative focuses on strengthening the capacity of **grants staff** —whether based centrally, within faculties, or in research centres—to effectively support knowledge mobilization and impact planning in grant applications. Institutions can enhance the quality of funding proposals and more effectively integrate knowledge mobilization into the research process from the outset.

Tri-Agency Narrative CV Support

The RIC Narrative CV Working Group is where RIC members can share experiences, exchange tools, and build confidence in supporting the development of narrative-based applications aligned with Tri-Agency requirements. **Anyone at a RIC member institution** can benefit from being part of the working group. Aimed primarily at **research administration staff** and **others involved in grant support**, this initiative strengthens institutional capacity to recognize and communicate the diverse ways research makes a difference beyond academia.

Institutional Impact Strategy

(Available upon request, led by RIC Network Director)

The Institutional Impact Strategy service provides tailored advisory support to **research leadership** seeking to strengthen or refine their institution's approach to knowledge mobilization and research impact. This offering includes access to practical tools, exemplars, and expert guidance for developing comprehensive impact strategies aligned with institutional goals. It can also involve implementing an "Institutional Health Check" to assess how impact is currently generated and identify opportunities for growth. Through this strategic support, institutions can build stronger systems and cultures that enhance the reach, relevance, and societal value of their research.

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL INTER-INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES

KMb Connects for Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) Institutions

KMb Connects for Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) institutions is a quarterly gathering that brings together **knowledge mobilization staff from CFREF programs** across the country. These calls provide a dedicated space to share practices, build capacity, and strengthen collective approaches to creating and reporting on the societal impacts of research. By fostering collaboration and mutual learning among **CFREF institutions**, KMb Connects supports more consistent, effective, and meaningful integration of knowledge mobilization within large-scale research initiatives.

Opportunity to Connect with the International Research Impact Consortium

RIC offers **RIC members** the opportunity to connect with the **International Research Impact Consortium**, creating pathways for international collaboration and knowledge exchange. Our global reach extends to the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Africa, and the Caribbean. By facilitating partnerships with these networks, members can expand the reach of their work, engage with diverse perspectives, and strengthen the collective impact of their research. These connections provide a platform for sharing best practices, learning from global peers, and building strategic collaborations.