

Call for Presentation Proposals: Leisure is Transformation: Are you REDI?

The **2026 Canadian Congress on Leisure Research** embraces the transformative power of leisure under the compelling theme **Leisure is Transformation: Are you REDI?** Situated on the ancestral unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation in the picturesque city of Nanaimo, British Columbia, this congress will delve into the profound impact that leisure can have on addressing critical and complex social, economic, and ecological issues facing individuals, communities, and governments globally.

Building on the legacies of previous Congresses, this event will challenge scholars to explore how leisure research can contribute to **Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI)**. As we navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing post-secondary landscape, unstable geo politics, increasing social inequities, climate change, public health crises, and ecological disasters, this Congress serves as a vital platform for highlighting innovative approaches and solutions that harness the transformative power of leisure. The Congress also provides an essential gathering space for academic and pracademics looking to develop scholarly networks and collaborations.

In the spirit of diversity and inclusion - we welcome submissions for presentation on all aspects of leisure. We encourage anyone doing research related to one of the seven dimension of leisure (WLCE@VIU), to consider submitting a presentations/session proposal. We also recognize the inter- and trans-disciplinary nature of leisure studies and sciences; therefore, we encourage scholars, practitioners, and pracademics situated outside *traditional leisure departments* to submit their research for review.

Seven Dimensions of Leisure:

- Recreation
- Travel & Tourism
- Parks & Trails
- Arts & Culture
- Sports
- Festivals & Events
- Play

Submission Period: June 27th – October 1st, 2025

Session proposals can be submitted for review starting on June 27th and the portal will close at 11:59 pm (PST) on October 1st, 2025. The submission deadline will only be extended if space in the time-table of Congress allows.

Presentation Formats You Can Choose:

- **Standard Presentations:** 20 minute presentation followed by 5 minutes for questions.
- **Panels:** Collaborative facilitated discussions among experts on focused topics.
- **Half Baked Ideas:** Share developing ideas, concepts, and works in progress for feedback and discussion (10 minutes + 15 minutes for discussion)
- **Workshops:** 60-90 minutes
- **Documentary reviews:** 60 – 90 minutes
- **Other:** If one of these doesn't fit let us know what would be a better format for you!

"Other" Presentation Format Considerations:

- ***Innovative Formats:*** We encourage proposals that move beyond traditional formats. Think creatively about how to engage attendees in meaningful dialogue.
- ***Interactive Sessions:*** Consider how to incorporate interactive elements that facilitate audience participation.
- ***Diverse Perspectives:*** Proposals should highlight diverse perspectives and encourage inclusive dialogue.

Submission Instructions:

- ***Title Page:*** (Complete and include the submission form)
- ***Body (max 500 words):*** Summarize the contents of your work using heading appropriate for the session, research, and intended outcome(s).
- ***Figures, Tables, & References:*** Please use APA 7th Edition unless doing so would contravene the worldview and methodology used within your scholarship.

Please submit your proposals through PheedLoop by **October 1, 2025** at 11:59 pm (PST) as a **pdf**. The deadline will only be extended if there is space in the program.

For questions, contact the organizing committee at wlce@viu.ca.

Join us in shaping a dynamic and innovative Congress experience for all!

2026 Canadian Congress on Leisure Research Submission Form

Name(s) & Affiliation(s): (list in order to be shared in Congress materials). Use * to designate the primary contact if not the first author listed.

Name	Affiliation (University/Organization/Community)	Have you submitted more than one proposal?
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Title: Please try to limit your title to 80 characters.

Theme/key words: Please identify a theme or key words that fit your proposal.

Presentation Format: Please indicate your top session styles – we will do our best to accommodate your first choice. (use 1, 2, 3 to designate first to third choice)

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Workshops: 60-90 minutes*	
Documentary reviews: 60-90 Minutes*	
Other: add description including time needed	

* Please indicate how long you would like and whether you need more than a single session.

Technology & Set-up: If your proposed session requires more than the standard equipment (data projector, screen, microphone) please let us know what you would like to use and we will do our best to accommodate you. Extraordinary request including interactive livestreaming, translation, theatre set-up, etc., may be possible but may also require an additional fee.