

CALL FOR PAPERS

Canadian Transportation Research Forum 60th Annual Conference
May 25-28, 2025 at University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON

What's the future of transportation productivity? From Supply Chains to Personal Mobility

The definition of productivity, and how we achieve it, is evolving. Changes in climate, technology and society are affecting the nature and urgency of the challenges we face, and providing us with the opportunity to reimagine how we define, measure, and realize, a productive society and economy. This year's conference will address the many definitions and methods for improving productivity. This conference will expose your research to the individuals and organizations that constitute the hub for mobilizing the transportation research in Canada.

How are we doing this? We have research committees responsible for identifying and prioritizing transportation research needs for Canada, shining a light on the most salient topics. Come to our conference and help shape the transportation research agenda in Canada.

The Canadian Transportation Research Forum (CTRF) is proud of our pre-eminent reputation for open dialogue, stimulating debate and forward-looking considerations of transportation research. The conference will have wide appeal to transportation policymakers, infrastructure and service providers, transportation users and other stakeholders, researchers in academia and organizations, and the press, all within a lively forum that is a tradition in Canada.

With this CALL FOR PAPERS, we invite prospective authors and presenters to submit abstracts (maximum 200 words) of their research for the 2025 CTRF conference. Preference is for relevant and thoughtfully developed applied research and policy recommendations of interest to transportation professionals and policy makers. Abstracts including from academia, the private and public sectors, all disciplines and perspectives, and based on experiences within Canada and abroad, are all welcome and encouraged.

Submissions on matters relating to operational, technological, managerial and economic aspects of transportation, as well as policy issues including governance, regulation, safety, security and the environment, on all modes of transport, are all relevant and welcome. Areas of interest for research and discussion could include **(but are not limited to):**

Research committee focus areas:

- Transportation Sustainability and Equity
- Supply Chains and Logistics
- Data
- Transport governance and policy
- Aviation and airports
- Freight and passenger rail
- Marine and ports



- Trucking and road freight
- Urban and rural transportation planning and modelling

Other topics:

- Trade and transportation corridors
- Infrastructure investment
- Mobility, including pricing, emerging trends, etc.
- Innovative technologies (e.g., quantum computing, network platforms, electric and autonomous vehicles, drones)
- Transportation safety and security
- Decision making and analytical methodologies
- Public versus private sector roles and responsibilities
- Transportation demand and service supply, including infrastructure

Key Dates

Abstract submission deadline	December 20, 2024
Latest response to authors indicating abstract acceptance	January 10, 2025
Completed papers due	March 14, 2025
Presenting authors' conference registration due	March 14, 2025
Conference	May 25 – 28, 2025

Instructions

Submission of abstracts and papers must be done using the CTRF on-line submission tool. This can be done by logging into the conference abstract and paper submission website reached directly at <https://web2.uwindsor.ca/maohhf/ctrf/ctrf25/>, or via www.ctrf.ca and clicking on “Submit Abstracts Here.” Authors not already registered on the abstract and paper submission website will need to create an account that they can use to submit both their abstracts and papers by the dates given above.

Authors who wish to present their work at the conference but do not wish to submit a full paper (4000-4500 words) may submit a short paper (1200-1800 words) through the conference paper abstract and submission website. **Authors must indicate in their abstracts the type of paper (full paper or short paper) that they will be submitting.**

All papers will be published in a pre-conference set of Proceedings. In order to have a paper published in the Conference Proceedings, the author (at least one author in the case of joint authorship) must register for the full conference by the date indicated above and present the paper at the conference. CTRF will continue its tradition of awarding prizes for the best conference papers. **Please note that short papers will not qualify for any award.**

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Use of Large Language Models and Generative AI

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Abstract and Paper Format

Abstracts may be up to 200 words in length and include up to four (4) key words. Abstracts and papers must be submitted as per the key dates listed above. All abstracts and papers submitted must adhere to the formatting instructions given in the on-line submission tool.

At CTRF's discretion, some abstracts may be placed on the CTRF website to promote the conference.

Conference Program

In addition to the presentation of research papers, the Conference Program will feature a number of Plenary Sessions on the conference theme and current topics of interest, keynote speakers, technical tours (site visits), workshops, as well as our annual Oxford-style Debate, a delightfully entertaining CTRF tradition. And, new this year, research committee meetings.

Conference Location and Venue

CTRF's 60th Annual Conference will be held at the University of Ottawa's Desmarais Building, the home of the Telfer School of Management and Telfer Nation. This state-of-the-art learning facility is in the heart of downtown Ottawa. The National Capital Region is the perfect location to hear about the latest policy debates and research. A block of rooms has already been set aside with a corporate rate for CTRF attendees.

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