



AGE-WELL Annual Conference

The Future of Healthy Aging

October 24 - 26, 2023

Call for Abstracts AGE-WELL 2023

October 24 – 26 | Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Join us in Toronto, ON for the **AGE-WELL Annual Conference: *Shaping the Future of Healthy Aging!*** There are four program options available to showcase your work. Abstracts must be submitted by August 4, 2023 as detailed below.

General Information

The meeting will be held **October 24 - 26, 2023 in Toronto, Ontario at the Hilton Toronto.**

The **2023 Annual AGE-WELL Conference** will showcase why Canada has become a global leader in research and innovation in AgeTech. We will share cutting-edge and game-changing research, demonstrate the success of effective networking and collaboration among our partners, researchers, thought leaders and members of the public and inspire the future of AgeTech and healthy aging in Canada with talks and content from global thought leaders.

Submission Information

The theme of the 2023 conference is ***Shaping the future of healthy aging.*** Individuals are encouraged to submit abstracts which address this theme with a focus on technology-enabled solutions. Solutions in the AGE-WELL context may include a technology itself or a service, policy or practice related to technology and aging.

Abstracts may be submitted for poster, symposium, workshop or demo presentations. Proposals must be submitted by **August 4, 2023.** The instructions for submitting an abstract are detailed in the sections below.

Who May Submit

Submissions are encouraged from all stakeholders who work or have an interest in technology and aging or 'AgeTech'. Submitters do not need to be current members of AGE-WELL (e.g. funded or affiliate researcher, HQP, startup affiliate, etc.).

How to Submit

Abstracts will be submitted through [AGE-WELL's Forum Research Portal](#). Applicants are advised to prepare their materials outside of the Forum and transfer text to the online portal as a final step. Applicants must have a Forum Research Portal account to submit a conference abstract. The steps for accessing Forum with or without an existing account are detailed in the Appendix to this document.

Abstract Acceptance

The abstract submitter (the person who submits the abstract, whether or not an author on the abstract) will be informed of the status (accepted/rejected) of their submission as soon as possible after reviews are completed. Accepted authors will be advised of registration deadlines to confirm places in the program at that time.

All individuals attending the conference (*including presenters*) will be required to register and pay the registration fee.

Presentation Formats

Abstracts may be submitted for symposium, workshop, poster or demo presentations. The detail below mirrors the information in the Forum Research Portal abstract submission module.

1. Symposia

AGE-WELL 2023 will feature symposia as part of concurrent programming on both Wednesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 26. A symposium is a collection of papers / presentations contributed by a group of individuals, often from different institutions, on a single theme. Each participant gives a presentation relevant to the theme. The chair leads the symposium and discusses the papers as they relate to each other and the overall topic. Researchers are encouraged to co-present with a partner, older adult or caregiver involved in their project. Chairs are encouraged to ensure multiple perspectives are represented to foster an inclusive approach and lively discussion.

Symposia chairs are encouraged to include presenters from outside AGE-WELL, where appropriate, or as required by their chosen topic.

Symposia are 90-minute sessions allowing for presentation and discussion. A limited number of symposia slots are available.

The symposium proposal must be submitted by the deadline below; attached abstracts for individual presentations comprising the symposium may be submitted after the deadline.

If you are interested in contributing to a symposium *under development by someone else*, please submit a brief description of the research you would like considered for inclusion to conference@agewell-nce.ca instead of submitting an abstract through Forum. Please include title of your work, AGE-WELL Challenge Area, as well as proposed presenter name and contact email with the Subject heading "Challenge Area Symposium".

Application Deadline: Friday August 4, 2023

Please contact conference@agewell-nce.ca for any questions.

Presenter Name(s) and Institution(s)

Contact Email
AGE-WELL Challenge Area
Title of Symposium
Symposium Abstract (250 words)
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2. Workshops (2-4)

Workshops are informal seminars that allow for the demonstration and application of techniques and skills. These are 90-minute sessions allowing for in-depth presentation and discussion.

Workshop abstract submissions are not to exceed 250 words. They should include the following information: a) title of workshop, b) statement of purpose and objectives, c) workshop format (e.g., interactive process), d) anticipated learning outcomes. Workshops must be interactive.

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Presenter Name(s) and Institution(s)
Contact Email
AGE-WELL Challenge Area
Workshop Title
Workshop Abstract (250 words)

3. Poster Sessions

AGE-WELL 2023 will feature multiple poster sessions open to all network participants on Wednesday October 25 and Thursday October 26. Only one poster per individual is permitted. It may not be possible to accept multiple posters from a single project; if multiple poster applications from the same project are submitted, please liaise with your team members to ensure poster submissions clearly articulate different aspects of the project.

All accepted posters with HQP first authors will be automatically entered into the poster competition; the first author will be required to present their poster during a specified time slot. Please note that in this instance, 'presenting' means to stand beside the poster and be available to respond to questions that may arise from viewers.

The Poster Session is a display presentation. Material is mounted on a poster board, which is staffed by the author (this is mandatory) for a designated period of time. Abstracts must be informational and must report on work completed.

Abstracts are not to exceed 250 words and should include the following information: a) full author details, b) a short statement of the objectives, c) method, d) results, e) conclusions.

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___ poster is first authored and presented by an HQP

Presenter Name
Presenter Organization
Contact Email
Network Affiliation (e.g. AGE-WELL, CFN)
AGE-WELL Project (if applicable)
Title of Poster
Poster Abstract (250 words)

4. Drinks & Demos at AgeTech Innovation Week Receptions

AGE-WELL 2023 will feature our popular “Drinks & Demos” within AgeTech Innovation Week receptions on the evenings of Tuesday, October 24 and Wednesday, October 25. Accepted demos will be scheduled on one of the two reception days to permit maximum participation. **This demo option is reserved for pre-commercial technologies, knowledge mobilization products such as toolkits, websites, etc.**

Note that AGE-WELL 2023 will also include a paid exhibits hall spanning October 24-26 requiring separate application. Discounts are available for AGE-WELL startup affiliates in the Emerging Innovation Zone of the exhibits hall.

Abstracts are not to exceed 250 words and should include a detailed description of the demo and demo set-up (a 3 x 6 table and chairs will be provided). Monitors and electrical may be provided on request and subject to availability.

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Presenter Name(s) and Institution(s)
Contact Email
AGE-WELL Project (if applicable)
Title of Demo
Demo Abstract (250 words)

Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) Travel Subsidy

All network HQP are invited to attend the conference and have access to a discounted registration rate. Project leads are reminded that AGE-WELL project funds can, and should, be used to support HQP conference participation.

A travel subsidy is available to a limited number of HQP to attend and present at the 2023 AGE-WELL Annual Conference. **HQP receiving a subsidy to attend must present a poster, demo or be part of a symposium or workshop at the AGE-WELL Conference.**

HQP are defined as trainees and research staff, such as undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, research assistants, and technicians.

Eligibility:

- AGE-WELL HQP in good standing with AGE-WELL have signed and returned all required documents and have made progress towards earning the Innovators of Tomorrow Certificate, if required for their HQP stream.

- Canadian Frailty Network (CFN) HQP submitting a poster as part of the AGE-WELL – CFN joint poster session on Thursday, October 26
- Only those who have not received funding from CAG to attend either *AGE-WELL 2023* or CAG are eligible to apply for this subsidy.

Coverage:

- Travel costs up to the cost of return economy class airfare or ground transportation from the individual's home city. Exceptions will require prior written approval. Cost of ground transportation **cannot** be greater than return economy class airfare at the time of the event.
- AGE-WELL HQP: Two (2) nights' accommodation at a maximum room cost of \$219 plus applicable taxes per night for
- CFN HQP: One night (1) accommodation at a maximum room cost of \$219 plus applicable taxes per night to support participation in a joint poster session on Thursday, October 26,
- AGE-WELL HQP registered in trainee events on Tuesday, October 24 may be covered for an additional night where same-day travel is not possible. Pre-registration for HQP events is required to be considered for approval.

Applications for HQP travel subsidies are available through the conference abstract module in Forum. See the 'How to Submit' section above.

Questions?

For more information about the conference, please visit <https://www.agewell-nce.ca/conference>. Questions about conference applications can be directed to conference@agewell-nce.ca.

APPENDIX: How to Access Forum to Submit Conference Abstracts

Current AGE-WELL Network Investigators and HQP

Current or former AGE-WELL Network Investigators and HQP who have Forum accounts, can log in to the AGE-WELL's Forum Research Portal to submit abstracts through the 'My Applications / Conference Application' tab in Forum (see Figure 1).

Applicants without an AGE-WELL Forum Research Portal account

Applicants without existing Forum accounts must first register to access Forum and the online application module (see Figure 2). You can register for access to the abstract module here:

<https://forum.agewell-nce.ca/index.php/Special:Register?role=External>

Once an applicant registers as an "External-Candidate", they will receive a temporary password sent to the email they provided. Please check your spam/junk mail for the registration email if it is not received after a few minutes. If you do not receive an email, please contact support@forum.agewell-nce.ca.

Once you sign in (using the link provided in the email) and change your temporary password, you will be able to access the online application module under 'My Applications / Conference Application' (see Figure 1).

Figure 1.

The screenshot shows the AGE-WELL Forum Research Portal interface. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with the AGE-WELL logo, a search bar, and utility icons for help/FAQ, a dropdown menu, and a mail icon. Below this is a dark grey header with 'Other' on the left and 'My Profile' and 'My Applications' in the center. The 'My Applications' tab is highlighted with a red box. The main content area is titled 'Conference Application Summary' and features a sidebar on the left with buttons for 'Description', 'Symposia', 'Workshops', 'Poster Sessions', and 'Drinks & Demos'. The main content displays the 'Conference Program at AGE-WELL 2023: Shaping the Future of Healthy Aging'. It includes sections for 'Submission Information' (with a deadline of August 4, 2023), 'Who May Submit', and 'Abstract Acceptance'. Contact information for conference applications is provided at the bottom.

Figure 2.

Registration

By registering with AGE-WELL you will be granted the role of HQP-Candidate or External-Candidate. You may need to check your spam/junk mail for the registration email if it doesn't show up after a few minutes. If you still don't

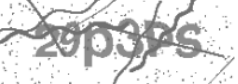
- **HQP-Candidate:** Select this role if you would like to apply for an HQP (trainee) related application (ie. HQP Affiliate)
- **External-Candidate:** Select this role if you would like to apply for a funding opportunity (ie. Catalyst or SIP Accelerator)

First Name:*

Last Name:*

Email:*

Please select your role:* HQP-Candidate
 External-Candidate

Enter Code:* 

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