Call for Abstracts AGE-WELL 2024

Join us in Edmonton, Alberta for the AGE-WELL Annual Conference: Shared Visions, Shared Futures: Transforming Aging Together!

General Information
The meeting will be held October 23 - 24, 2024 in Edmonton, Alberta at the Delta Hotel by Marriott Edmonton South Conference Centre.

The 2024 Annual AGE-WELL Conference (AGEWELL2024) 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. We will collectively inspire the future of AgeTech and healthy aging in Canada with talks and content from local and global thought leaders.

Submission Information
The theme of this year’s conference is Shared Visions, Shared Futures: Transforming Aging Together. Individuals are encouraged to submit abstracts that 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 a poster, oral presentation (Research Blitz trainee presentation or Research Talk), or pre-commercial demo for inclusion in the AGE-WELL Reception and Showcase. Proposals must be submitted by July 12, 2024. The instructions for submitting an abstract are detailed in the sections below.
Who May Submit
Abstract submissions are encouraged from investigators, trainees, and partners from any discipline whose work is focused on technology and aging or "AgeTech." Submitters do not need to be current members of AGE-WELL (e.g. funded or affiliate researcher, highly qualified personnel (HQP), startup affiliate, etc.).

HQP are defined as trainees and research staff, such as undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, research assistants, and technicians. A limited number of travel subsidies are available to eligible HQP to present at the conference. Please see Appendix A for more information.

Industry, community, academic and non-profit organizations wishing to promote their organizations or exhibit commercial products are referred to the Sponsorship and Exhibitor Prospectus.

Rising Stars in AgeTech Early Career Researcher (ECR) Stream
Early career researchers (ECR) form a vital part of the Canadian health research landscape and are key to ensuring that new knowledge and technologies can positively affect the lives of older Canadians and their caregivers. AGE-WELL is pleased to announce Rising Stars in AgeTech, an ECR-focused stream of the AGEWELL2024, that will showcase the outstanding research conducted by ECRs across Canada and enable mentorship and networking to create a fertile ground for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

ECR applicants to the poster, oral (10-minute) and pre-commercial demo presentation streams are invited to indicate their interest in participating in the Rising Stars in AgeTech stream of the 2024 AGEWELL Conference. Up to 25 ECRs will be invited to participate in the stream which will include invitation-only workshops and facilitated matchmaking to enable networking with senior scholars and multisectoral stakeholders on October 23.

Participants in the Rising Stars stream will receive a conference travel and accommodation subsidy of up to $1000.

An early career researcher is a researcher within five years from the date of their first research-related appointment, minus eligible delays in research (e.g. maternity, parental, medical, bereavement, COVID-19.).

Presentation Formats @ AGEWELL2024
Abstracts may be submitted for poster, oral presentation (3-minute and 10-minute presentations), or pre-commercial demo (for inclusion in the AGEWELL Reception and Showcase).

1. “Research Blitz” 3-minute presentation (HQP Only)

AGEWELL2024 will include rapid-fire research presentations from highly qualified personnel (HQP). HQP are defined as trainees at all levels (undergraduate, graduate, post-doctoral) and research staff, such as research associates, research assistants, and technicians.

The 3-minute format allows presenters to share the essential aspects of their work and its significance.
2. Research Talk (investigators and HQP)

AGEWELL2024 will feature 10-minute oral presentations on Thursday, October 24. Accepted abstracts will be included in either concurrent or mainstage sessions depending on thematic alignment of received abstracts.

Presentations should include a brief overview of the major points / highlights of a particular research project or program, reporting on work completed. Presenters are welcome to co-present with a partner, older adult or caregiver involved in their project.

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

Application Deadline: July 12, 2024
Please contact conference@agewell-nce.ca for any questions.

3. Poster

AGEWELL2024 will feature poster sessions open to all network participants on Thursday, October 24. Only one first-authored poster per person is permitted.

All accepted posters with HQP first authors will be automatically entered into the HQP 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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4. Pre-Commercial Demo @ AGE-WELL Reception and Showcase

AGEWELL2024 will feature our popular “Drinks & Demos” event on Wednesday, October 23. This demo option is reserved for pre-commercial technologies or knowledge mobilization products such as toolkits, websites, etc.

Abstracts must not 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).
AGEWELL2024 and the envisAGE Annual Forum will also include an exhibits hall spanning October 23-24 requiring a separate application. Industry, community, academic and non-profit organizations wishing to promote their organizations or exhibit commercial products are referred to the [Sponsorship and Exhibitor Prospectus](#).

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APPENDIX A: Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) Travel Subsidy

A limited number of travel subsidies are available to AGE-WELL HQP to attend and present at AGEWELL2024. HQP are defined as trainees and research staff, such as undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, research assistants, and technicians.

Applications for HQP travel subsidies are available through the conference abstract application module. See the “How to Submit” section above. Travel subsidies are not guaranteed with all accepted abstracts due to available funding.

Travel Subsidy 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.
- HQP receiving a subsidy to attend must present a poster, oral presentation (3- or 10-minute), or pre-commercial demo at the AGE-WELL Conference.

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.
- Two (2) nights’ accommodation at a maximum room cost of $159 plus applicable taxes per night. A third night may be considered depending on travel schedule and available funding.
- Pre-registration for HQP events through conference registration is required to be considered for approval.

APPENDIX B: How to Access AGE-WELL’s Oxford Abstracts Portal to Submit Conference Abstracts

You can access the 2024 AGE-WELL Conference Abstract Submission Form by clicking here.

When you arrive at the Oxford Abstracts submission page, you will be prompted to create a login. Please follow the steps to create an Oxford Abstracts account. By creating an account, you will have the opportunity to create, edit, and track your abstract after submission.

*If you already have a login, please feel free to use your existing login to proceed to the submission form.

Once you are logged in you will be redirected to the AGE-WELL Annual Conference Abstract Submission page. (If redirection does not occur, simply stay logged in and return to this page to access the link a second time.)

Please ensure you enter accurate information into all applicable fields. The abstract title and abstract will be printed in the program as entered. Please do not use all caps in the title or abstract.
You have the option to save progress and return to edit your abstract submission up to the point of submission. Once you submit, your abstract will be considered complete and cannot be edited further. Your submission will not be considered until it is submitted, so ensure you do so before the submission date of July 12, 2024.

If you would like to submit multiple abstracts (i.e. for a Research Blitz presentation and a Poster) you will need to submit two separate abstracts, one for each category of submission.

You should receive a confirmation when you submit your abstract. If you do not receive a confirmation, please check your ‘spam’ folders or contact us at conference@agewell-nce.ca.