



2023-2024

CALL FOR POSTERS

POST YOUR DISCOVERIES

Call for poster proposals for the multidisciplinary poster session
(research findings)

Enjeux de la recherche colloquium, No. 1
91st Acfas Convention
University of Ottawa
May 14, 2024

New submission deadline: February 5, 2024
Proposal Selection Notice: February 19, 2024

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WHAT IS ARC?

The mission of the Association pour la recherche au collégial, founded in 1988, is to promote college research by representing the interests of individuals and groups engaged with such research, by organizing activities to recognize excellence in college research, and by providing services to the college research community.

Why a colloquium as part of the Acfas Convention?

Every year ARC participates in the Acfas Convention. The title and theme of this year's colloquium scheduled for May 14, 2024, is *La diffusion de la recherche collégiale : un beau et grand défi!* [Disseminating college research: A major, exciting challenge!]. In keeping with the theme of the 91st Acfas Convention, *Mobiliser les savoirs en français* [Mobilizing knowledge in French], ARC strives to rally all vital forces and to offer a space and a time for deliberation with a view to securing the sustainability of college research. "In its Fall 2023 submission for the *Chantier sur la recherche au collégial*, ARC stressed that dissemination remains a pressing challenge. This is one of the reasons why its strategic plan focuses on expanding the outreach of this research to increase visibility and recognition. I therefore personally invite community members to submit a poster proposal. Together, we will be able to showcase the scope of this research and occupy a larger social space, as we have already been called upon to do by Camille Limoges, one of the founders of college research," said ARC president Renaud Bellemare. In holding a colloquium at the largest French-language scientific convention in the world, ARC targets two main objectives: to offer researchers a platform for publicizing their work and a forum for exchanging ideas within the college scientific community; and to communicate their findings and ideas to all the target audiences reached by the Acfas Convention. The *La diffusion de la recherche collégiale : un beau et grand défi!* colloquium will be a forum for discussing the issues and challenges of dissemination and thus of the outreach of college research. It will also be a showcase for college research, in all sectors and fields, of all types and in any location. Submit a proposal to display the results of your work!

How to present your research findings at the colloquium?

ARC is launching a call for poster proposals for its colloquium entitled *La diffusion de la recherche collégiale : un beau et grand défi!* Researchers and students from all three research areas and from all disciplines are invited to submit a poster. So, whether you conduct intersectoral research or work in the field of natural sciences and engineering, social sciences and humanities, arts and literature, or health, submit a proposal!

Would you like your poster to be a Favourite? ARC awards two Favourite Poster prizes: the first is for the most concise, informative, clear and *catchy poster title*; the second is for the *most dynamic poster*, i.e., the one that uses language and images to convey the core message at a glance, making it easy to grasp the meaning of the presentation. Which posters will attendees choose as their Favourites in 2024? Title your proposal carefully, since it will be your first contest entry and, more importantly, the first step to ensuring your research findings are understood!



Does the idea of writing a poster proposal to illustrate your research findings intrigue you?

Here are some suggestions taken from informative guides to help you produce an excellent resume. Use them as the basis for your own proposal! First and foremost: Your proposal must be based on original research, with new findings, i.e., information presented from a new angle. This is what the Evaluation Committee that reviews the poster proposals will be looking for. Moreover, the poster abstracts selected by the committee will be published in the ARC conference program, and, if they meet all criteria, may even be quoted. Did you know? For the Acfas Convention and in accordance with the conference language policy, all posters and visual aids must be in French¹, but discussions during the session may be held in French or English.

A catchy title

(maximum de 30 words)

- Choose a specific, informative and clear title that encapsulates the poster topic.
- Be creative: Use wording that will pique the curiosity of the evaluation committee as well as attendees.

Full abstract

(maximum de 200 words)

- Build your abstract in one paragraph, around the following four elements: a clear statement of the issue; a succinct description of the methodology; final or preliminary findings; and a conclusion.
- Follow the general principles of gender neutral writing.
- Avoid redundant wording such as: "This presentation shows that..."

Excellent writing

- Use jargon-free language.
- When using abbreviations, first put the full expression, then the abbreviation.
- Only use mathematic formulas or statistics if these contribute to the clarity of your message.
- If you must include bibliographic references, make sure they're complete guidelines.

USEFUL REFERENCES

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¹Anglophone researchers from [institutions that have made a contribution to ARC](#) can contact ARC to obtain help with the translation of their poster proposals and, if need be, their posters.

Guidelines for writing a poster proposal: Get inspired!

Once a proposal is accepted, ARC will send the authors a list of useful guidelines on how to prepare an excellent presentation.

Take advantage of the support for producing a poster!

Coaching is one of the perks offered to ARC members. If you'd like coaching on how to write your poster proposal or prepare your poster, contact us by email or by phone. All coaching is provided in compliance with ethical principles, including confidentiality.

Visibility

Each presentation must be original. This means that it may only be referenced once in a research portfolio or resume. However, to make the research presented at its conference available to the broadest possible audience, ARC gives posters additional visibility. With the approval of authors, it posts a digital version on its website and also sends the digital file to the *Centre de documentation collégiale* for professional indexation and inclusion in [EDUQ.info](https://www.education.qc.ca/eduq/info). Few people know about college research you say? ARC is taking advantage of every opportunity to make sure college research findings reach a larger audience.

Fill out the interactive form for your poster proposal
at the following address:

<https://event.fourwaves.com/fr/arc2024-diffusion/soumission>

"Congratulations! The colloquium was a great success,
and our students thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

The poster session was a highlight.
Everyone had a great time thanks to you."

Quote from a participant at the ARC colloquium (*Durable, la recherche collégiale?*)
held during the 90th Acfas Convention

Any questions?
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