

# SHARE YOUR DISCOVERIES!

Call for proposals for the multidisciplinary sessions featuring short oral and poster presentations (research findings)

Enjeux de la recherche colloquium, No. 1

92nd Acfas Convention

École de technologie supérieure in collaboration with Concordia University

May 5 and 6, 2025

Submission deadline: **February 3, 2025**

Proposal Selection Notice: **February 25, 2025**

ARC and the Synchronex CCTT Network are launching a call for poster proposals (unlimited number) or short oral presentations (maximum of five) for their colloquium entitled *La recherche collégiale, un moteur pour l'action* [College research: a driver for action]. The agenda includes two poster sessions: the first will take place on May 5, in the late afternoon, and the second on May 6, at lunchtime. Both will last 90 minutes. The short oral presentations are also scheduled for May 6. Each presentation will last five minutes, followed by an equally long discussion period with the attendees. Thanks to the two formats and three sessions, real opportunities await! 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!



## Why a colloquium as part of the Acfas Convention?

Every year ARC participates in the Acfas Convention. In 2025, it is breaking new ground by joining forces with the Synchronex CCTT Network to organize a colloquium as part of this major event. The title—and theme—of the colloquium to be jointly held by the two organizations on May 5 and 6, 2025, is *La recherche collégiale, un moteur pour l'action* [College research: a driver for action]. In keeping with the theme of the 92nd Acfas Convention, *La recherche au cœur des solutions technologiques et sociales* [Research at the heart of technological and social solutions], ARC and the CCTT Network strive 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. “The areas of alignment between ARC and the CCTT Network are concrete, and they can undoubtedly serve as levers for the development of college research,” said the Director General of ARC, Lynn Lapostolle, and the

CCTT Network CEO, Michel Lesage, co-organizers of the colloquium. In holding a colloquium at the largest French-language scientific convention in the world, the two organizations target 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 colloquium entitled *La recherche collégiale, un moteur pour l'action* [College research: a driver for action] will be a forum for discussing the issues and challenges of scientific action in all its forms. 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 a poster or give a short oral presentation of the results of your work!



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**Would you like your presentation to be a Favourite?** ARC and the Synchronex CCTT Network will award two types of Favourite prizes following the two poster sessions and the short oral session: the first is for the most concise, informative, clear, brief and *catchy title*; the second is for the *most dynamic presentation*, i.e., given either to the poster that uses language and images to convey the core message at a glance, making it easy to grasp the meaning of the presentation, or to the short oral presentation that most effectively summarizes the message in a clear and engaging way. Which presentations will attendees choose as their Favourites in 2025? 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!

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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.

## What is the Synchronex CCTT Network?

The Synchronex CCTT Network was created in 1992. Its mission is to maximize the impact of the CCTT's collective and individual expertise in innovation and applied research on the socio-economic development of Quebec and Canada, not only by increasing the transfer of more innovative processes, practices and products to the stakeholders, but also by contributing to the development of a highly qualified and innovative workforce.

# Does the idea of writing a 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 or information presented from a new angle. This is what the Evaluation Committees that review the poster or short oral proposals will be looking for. Moreover, the abstracts selected by the committee will be published in the ARC and Synchronex CCTT Network 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 French<sup>1</sup>, but discussions during the session may be held in French or English.

## A catchy title (maximum 30 words)

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

## Full abstract (maximum 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 French 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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## For an inclusive colloquium

Whether it's about accessibility to buildings and equipment, a need for support, or time allocation, for instance, ARC and the Synchronex CCTT Network are committed to doing everything they can to accommodate you. As such, they encourage you to reach out to them with any requests that promote equity, diversity or inclusion.

<sup>1</sup>Anglophone researchers from institutions that have made a contribution to ARC can contact the latter to obtain help with the translation of their proposal and, if need be, their poster.

### Guidelines for preparing a presentation: Get inspired!

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

### Take advantage of the support to help you prepare!

Coaching is one of the perks offered to ARC members. If you'd like coaching on how to write your proposal or prepare your presentation, 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 authors' consent, it posts the digital version on its website. Few people know about college research you say? ARC and the Synchronex CCTT Network are taking advantage of every opportunity to make sure college research findings reach a larger audience.

## Any questions? Contact us!

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

<https://event.fourwaves.com/arc2025-action/submission>

French version available on ARC's website, and French form available at:  
<https://event.fourwaves.com/fr/arc2025-action/soumission>

"An excellent convention: relevant, interesting and touching,  
from start to finish! Thank you!"

Quote from a participant at the ARC colloquium  
(*La diffusion de la recherche collégiale : un beau et grand défi!*)  
held during the 91st Acfas Convention