



Canadian Cancer
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Patient Involvement in
Cancer Research Program
Programme de Participation des Patients
à la recherche sur le cancer

Are you interested in cancer research because of your cancer experience?
Then **PIP**, the **Patient Involvement in Cancer Research Program**, may be for you!

PIP is for people who have or have had cancer and caregivers, including family and friends, with an interest in learning more about cancer research and cancer research advocacy. PIP participants also play an important role in the CCRA's Canadian Cancer Research Conference. More about PIP can be found at <https://www.ccra-acrc.ca/about-us/patient-involvement/>.

PIP has evolved over time based on the feedback received by participants. A committee, comprised of four past participants, will advise on this year's program and interface with the conference committees. The 2023 program is our fourth and is the first time PIP will be offered in a hybrid format – some participants will attend the conference in person, and some will attend the conference online (virtually).

During PIP, you will:

- meet like-minded people interested in cancer research
- attend online seminars to improve your knowledge of cancer science and patient-oriented research
- learn about research advocacy from past PIP participants
- hear about leading-edge science at the 2023 Canadian Cancer Research Conference
- meet trainees and early career researchers and hear first-hand about their research projects

- be paired with a science partner who will help you understand scientific sessions presented at the conference while you help them understand the value of lived experience to research
- gain experience co-chairing a scientific session
- contribute to the planning and delivery of a community outreach event in Halifax (during the CCRC – date/time to be determined), which will help promote cancer research to the public [for participants attending the conference in person]
- gain experience adjudicating research proposals and help select a grant winner for the 2023 PIP Small Grant competition [for participants attending PIP entirely online]
- receive a certificate of completion

PIP is considered a learning opportunity. Financial compensation is not provided for your time and participants are expected to be engaged in all program components, where possible. Costs for travel, accommodation, and other related expenses for participants attending the conference in person are all covered. You must reside in Canada and be 19 years of age or older to participate.

The **time commitments for the program** are detailed on the next page. Outside of the conference itself, there will be about 15-20 hours required for preparatory sessions, the experiential learning components, and debriefs.

For more, please contact Kim Badovinac (kimberly.badovinac@partnershipagainstcancer.ca)
Tel. (416) 619-6265. If you would like to speak with a past participant, Kim can organize this.

Ready to apply, go to <https://cpacc.questionpro.ca/2023-PIP-application>.
Applications are due by March 1, 2023.

2023 PIP Time Commitments

Components	When	FORMAT*	
		In-person	Virtual/online
Meet & Greet with other participants (online session)	July 2023	1.5 hr	1.5 hr
Cancer Science online webinars (two 1-hr sessions)	September 2023	2 hr	2 hr
Research advocacy & patient-oriented research online webinar	October 2023	1.5 hr	1.5 hr
PIP Grant adjudication orientation – online webinar	August 2023		1 hr
PIP Grant adjudication – Phases 1/2/3/4 – this will include rating proposals with another participant and attending online sessions with grant applicants	August-September 2023		10-12 hrs
Community Forum planning – online session	July 2023	1 hr	
Community Forum outreach – your time to reach out and promote the Forum to your networks	August 2023	1 hr	
Community Forum delivery	TBD (within the Nov 12-14, 2023 window)	2-3 hrs	
Connect with your Science Co-chair and prepare for your session	October 2023	1.5 hr	1.5 hr
Meet & Greet with your Science Partner	November 2023 (before November 11)	1 hr	1 hr
Canadian Cancer Research Conference attendance	Nov 12-14, 2023	3+ days	Online participation
Post-PIP debrief (with all participants)	Nov 14, 2023, if possible	1 hr	1 hr
Follow-up Phone Call	December 2023 (as per your availability)	Less than 30 min	Less than 30 min

**While we hope to recruit up to 16 applicants for the in-person conference component from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador, and Prince Edward Island and up to 20 applicants for the online component (recruited from the other provinces and territories), this may change depending on the applications received.*