

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

In the words of past participants:



“I applaud the CCRA for developing this program so we as patients not only develop our own understanding of research but also lend our voices and experiences within the cancer care system. The biggest takeaway for me was learning to develop and expand my role as a research advocate and ways in which we can use our stories to advance science.”

“This was my first PIP and my first conference. While at times I felt overwhelmed by the science and the terminology of it all, the conference and the information shared regarding the amazing research being undertaken resulted in four days well spent.”

## About PIP

PIP is for people who have or have had cancer and for 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 \(CCRC\)](#). The conference presents research across a wide range of topics and disciplines including a specially designed stream of cancer research specific to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

PIP has changed over time based on the feedback received by participants. A committee, comprised of four past participants, will advise on this year's program and are involved with the conference committees. The 2025 program is our fifth one and will take place in Calgary, Alberta.

We hope to recruit 20 applicants, 10 from Alberta, B.C. and Saskatchewan, and 10 from elsewhere in Canada. You must reside in Canada and be 19 years of age or older to participate.

## Program Benefits

By participating in PIP, you will:

- meet and share stories with like-minded people interested in cancer research
- learn about research advocacy from past PIP participants
- attend webinars to improve your knowledge of cancer science and patient-oriented research
- meet trainees and early career researchers and hear first-hand about their research projects
- gain experience co-chairing a scientific session
- 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, cultural competence and humility to the research process

- hear about leading-edge science and how cancer research is improving cancer prevention and care in Canada
- receive a certificate of completion

## Financial Support

Costs for travel, accommodation, and other related expenses are all covered by the various organizations that financially support the program. Where possible, we arrange for your airfare (if required) and your hotel accommodation so that you don't have to pay for these out-of-pocket. Meals not covered by the program, taxis, etc. will be reimbursed after the program and we will assist you with the forms required to facilitate reimbursement.

As PIP is considered a learning opportunity, financial compensation is not provided for your time. Participants are expected to engage in all program components, where possible.

## Components & Estimated Time Commitments



### Online

- Meet and Greet webinar with other PIP participants to be held in July (90 minutes)
- Webinar on cancer Science to be held in August (60 minutes)
- Webinar on research advocacy & patient-oriented research to be held in September (75 minutes)
- Connect with your Science Partner by email in October 2025 (30 minutes)
- Connect with your Science Co-chair by email and prepare for your session in October 2025 (45 minutes)



### In-person

- Meet and Greet session with other PIP participants on October 31 (1 hour)
- Networking dinner event with Science Partners on October 31 (2-3 hours)
- PIP Workshop on November 1, 2025 (3 hours)
- Canadian Cancer Research Conference attendance from November 2 to 4 (full days)
- Lunch with conference supporters and other VIPs on November 4 (1-2 hours)
- Group debrief after the VIP lunch on November 4 (1 hour)

As part of the program evaluation, you will also have an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the draft of the evaluation report to improve the program going forward.

## To Apply or For More Information

Ready to apply, go to <https://cpacc.questionpro.ca/2025-PIP-application>. Applications are due by **May 5, 2025**.

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