



THE CANADIAN NETWORK FOR
**Research in Schizophrenia
and Psychoses**

1. The Canadian Network for Research in Schizophrenia and Psychoses (CNRSP) Mission

The CNRSP is dedicated to raising awareness that continued research in schizophrenia and psychotic disorders is needed, as it greatly contributes to improving the recovery and quality of lives of the people affected, and leads to a reduction in the health and social costs associated with these disorders. Additionally, the CNRSP aims to improve the impact of Canadian schizophrenia research by fostering interdisciplinary collaborative efforts, and creating momentum to generate resources needed to answer current gaps and needs as determined by multiple stakeholders including researchers, clinicians, families, and people with lived experience. Lastly, the CNRSP advocates for policy development and knowledge translation, integral to Canadian research efforts in schizophrenia and psychosis.

2. Working Groups

A CNRSP ‘working group’ will comprise a group of Canadians who are interested in communicating their research findings for publication through academic or media channels. A working group can include actively contributing researchers ideally representing a range of career stages (including at least one early career researcher) at Canadian institutions, or community members with a desire to communicate their researched works with the support of the CNRSP. Working group should eventually span at least two, but ideally three provinces. This will allow a working group leader with a vision to arrange with other collaborators across the country to move towards actualization of that vision as a published work.

The short-term objective will be to prepare a comprehensive summative report for the annual meeting:

- i) A comprehensive summary and appraisal of the present state of knowledge
- ii) A critical examination of research issues
- iii) A list of key issues which have slowed progress
- iii) Identification of areas needing further work and development
- iv) Feasible and practical recommendations for future research

The longer-term objective is for each working group to prepare a report (‘white paper’) for the meeting, which will over time emerge as a publication, so should be prepared into a publication format (academic or otherwise, depending on the goals of the group).

3. Working group co-ordinators

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The role of the co-ordinators will be to keep the working groups on track with progress and to arrange new working groups or close inactive ones, keep the web site updated, and to monitor the written works in collaboration with the CNRSP board.

5. Leader Duties

Working group leaders are expected to attend the annual CNRSP meeting in-person. Each working group is expected to produce a publication, showcasing the findings of their work, after maximum two years of work, with progress updated by the leaders and monitored by the co-ordinators. At the 2025 CNRSP annual meeting, working groups will convene earlier in the day to discuss their progress. It is the responsibility of the working group leaders to organize this meeting with their members. Later in the afternoon, working group leaders and members will either present their publication or provide an update on their work to all CNRSP members.

5. Member Duties

CNRSP working group members may attend the annual CNRSP meeting in-person, the working group leader can organize this regarding progress and plans.

6. Steps for leaders

- Determine a list of members who can collaborate.
- Make contact with members and invite them directly.
- Update membership lists with working group co-ordinators on an ongoing basis, and confirm attendance at meetings.
- Coordinate drafts of papers, and submission of completed works.
- Leaders may receive an email from researchers interested in joining their working groups. The group leader has the right to determine final group membership, coordinate assignment of duties, and authorship order depending on contributions throughout the process. If a novel working group is required, this can be arranged through working group co-ordinators. CNRSP is here for support.