

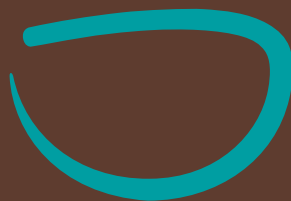
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

17th Annual Assembly of the
Canadian Association for Food Studies

Transitions to Just and Sustainable Food Systems

May 12–14, 2022
virtual

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The **Canadian Association for Food Studies** (CAFS) will host its 17th annual assembly, in conjunction with the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, from May 12 to 14, 2022. **This will be a fully virtual event.**

Founded in 2005, CAFS promotes critical, multidisciplinary scholarship in the broad area of food systems, food culture, and food justice, including but not limited to: food policy, production, distribution, consumption, and waste. CAFS membership is open to academics, activists, students, policymakers, community workers, professionals, practitioners, and others interested in food studies research and practice. CAFS members are drawn from an array of disciplines across the sciences, humanities, and beyond. CAFS recognizes the need for transdisciplinary research on food issues both within and outside of academia in response to societal needs.

The conference is an opportunity to share knowledge in a number of domain areas such as informing and critiquing policy, assessing and mobilizing the outcomes of community-based work, and demonstrating the health, social, economic, political, cultural, spiritual, and environmental impacts of food systems.

Within the broad rubric of *Transitions to Just and Sustainable Food Systems*, submissions may include, but are not limited to:

- Indigenous food systems
- 1st generation scholars
- food systems and equity
- the effects of climate change on food systems
- racial capitalism and food workers
- food (as) therapy
- food studies that address disabilities
- migrant farm labour
- food pedagogy
- caring, sharing, reciprocal approaches to food systems
- media & food

The theme for the 2022 CAFS conference is *Transitions to Just and Sustainable Food Systems*. In these uncommon times, familiar patterns of socio-ecological and economic injustice nonetheless persist—and worsen. The disruptions caused by the global pandemic continue to pose many challenges to food systems transformations, but have also created opportunities. Rather than being cynical of the phrase ‘build back better’, we instead invite motivated contributors to seize our collective historical moment. We are particularly interested in hearing from groups underrepresented in academic spaces, including Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour, LGBTQ2S+, first generation scholars, community members, and others.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words are due on February 7, 2022. Submission types may include (1) individual papers, (2) organized sessions, (3) roundtables, and (4) workshops. We encourage and support creative submissions including multimedia, documentaries, creative writing, poetry, posters, and other artistic genres.

- Abstract submissions are accepted via [Google Form](#).
- For updates about the conference please go to the [CAFS website](#).
- 60-minute and 90-minute sessions are available.
- Standard presentation time: 12–15 minutes, followed by Q&A
- Individuals may submit **a maximum of two** submissions.
- Organized sessions and roundtable submissions must include a list of participants, and you must instruct each participant to also submit an abstract in which they indicate the name of the organized session/roundtable.
- For all submission types, please include three to five keywords and social media information in the spaces provided in the Google Form.
- Successful conference candidates will be featured on our website and social media.



Award Nomination Details

Send nominations for both the Student Paper Award and the Excellence in Public Service Award to CafsAdmin@foodstudies.ca. Nomination emails will be forwarded to the prize committee.

Submission deadline:
February 15, 2022

Notification of awards:
March 15, 2022

Registration & Fees

Conference participants must be current CAFS members.

Registration for the CAFS conference will take place on [the Congress 2022 website](#).



CAFS Awards

We also encourage nominations for the 2022 Student Paper Award in Food Studies and the 2022 Award for Excellence in Public Service.

Student Paper Award in Food Studies

Launched in 2011, this award was created to recognize scholarly excellence and encourage participation by undergraduate and graduate students. The award includes a \$200 prize, a one-year CAFS membership, and complimentary conference registration. The submission guidelines are as follows:

- The paper must be student-authored and on any of a wide variety of disciplinary or transdisciplinary food issues;
- Co-authored papers by two students are also permitted if both students agree that they made comparable contributions to the paper;
- Applicants must also submit an abstract for the CAFS conference by the deadline;
- The paper may have been written for a course, a major research project, or a thesis or comprehensive exam;
- Written papers should be 4,500 to 6,000 words (excluding bibliography); and
- Videos and other non-text formats will also be considered.

Award for Excellence in Public Service

The purpose of this award is to recognize CAFS members who have made academic or non-academic contributions that have had a significant public service impact in programs and policies affecting the food system, through their work in universities, colleges, government agencies, NGOs, consultancies, etc. To nominate someone, please submit the following:

- a cover letter from the principal nominator detailing the member's significant contributions in policy, program development, and/or other areas as they pertain to this award;
- the nominee's current CV; and
- two or three letters of support.

A limited number of bursaries are offered to cover conference admission and are available for student, underwaged, and other participants. Please indicate on your Google Form submission if you require more information.

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