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## About the Collaborative Centre

The [Collaborative Centre for Climate, Health & Sustainable Care](#) is a multi-faculty academic unit at the University of Toronto, leveraging the combined strengths of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, the Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, and the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. The Collaborative Centre brings together diverse expertise to generate knowledge, train future leaders, and support meaningful change in policy and practice. Our work is rooted in a shared commitment to protect the health of people and communities in a rapidly changing climate.

## Collaborative Centre Partnership

The [Collaborative Centre for Climate, Health & Sustainable Care](#) aims to partner with [our members](#), scientists and public agencies to strengthen knowledge translation, communications about research, training, research capacity and impact related to [our purpose](#).

We would be pleased to be included as collaborators on relevant grant applications in support of KT, training or other plans, in alignment with funder requirements. To strengthen applications, we can provide tailored letters of support outlining our role, planned contributions, and budget justification. This letter outlines (1) Standing dissemination platforms, which provide no or low cost ways to share the results of research, as well as (2) Additional opportunities for partnership, with varied budgetary commitments, determined on a case-by-case basis.

### 1. Our standard dissemination platforms include:

- **Seminars:** We regularly host seminars - online and/or hybrid – to highlight critical topics and impactful work, including through the following series:
  - **Climate & Health Seminars** – a regular series featuring local and visiting experts in partnership with other centres of excellence exploring issues at the intersection of climate change and planetary health.
  - **Critical Conversation Seminars** – a regular series that provides academic space for new work and to explore critical challenges to health in the context of climate change and ecological decline.
- **Planetary Health Journal Club:** A monthly forum during the academic year for learners, faculty, and professionals to critically engage with emerging climate and planetary health literature.
- **Annual Climate & Health Conference:** A one-day annual event that provides a critical opportunity for the growing community of researchers, professionals, and students - all dedicated to climate and sustainability action for health and health systems - to gather, develop connections, share new knowledge and updates, and learn from each other. We accept [abstract submissions](#) for panels, oral presentations, workshops, and posters.

- **Our communications channels:**
  - **Digital:** We share member [news](#) and [events](#) on our website and in our bi-weekly newsletter ([sign-up here](#)), and share partnered events on our [LinkedIn](#). We also list member projects on our [member initiatives directory](#).
  - **Annual Report:** We summarize and spotlight member research and impact through our [Annual Reports](#) (digital and printed).

#### **Additional opportunities to collaborate:**

- **Partner to host a Knowledge Exchange Workshop:** We host immersive, in-person workshops — typically ranging from a half to a full day — that bring together researchers, students, and professionals from a range of organizations to explore topics of shared interest. By creating space for open dialogue, hands-on engagement, and mutual learning, these workshops help surface emerging research needs, strengthen professional networks, and spark new collaborative research opportunities. We are happy to partner in hosting such workshops.
- **Connect with trainees:** We are happy to share knowledge and resources that are relevant to students and trainees with our current and alumni program participants (in our [Student Training Program](#), or [Graduate Fellowship](#)) and through other student networks. We are happy to explore ways to engage students through presentations during existing educational sessions, or as student-focused lunch and learn sessions.
- **Partner to develop or share practical capacities for sustainable and resilient healthcare:** The Collaborative Centre hosts [CASCADES](#), funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada to support climate action and awareness in healthcare, and the associated [Pan-Canadian Network for a Health System Response to Climate Change](#), which convenes healthcare organizations from across the country in support of coordinated and collaborative change efforts. These provide established platforms for developing and sharing high quality evidence-based implementation-support resources (Playbooks, Dashboards, Scorecards), change capacities through pan-Canadian Working Groups, or knowledge sharing events through Pan-Canadian Practice Change Seminars. We are happy to explore ways to refine existing, or develop new, resources, events or capacities to help front line providers, leaders, and health organizations to strategically effect change.
- **Partner in continuing professional development courses or health professional curriculum development:** We coordinate a host of initiatives to support professionals to deliver, and educators to teach about, planetary health and sustainable care. This includes a Collaborative Centre Planetary Health Faculty Training Working Group and Planetary Health Teaching Hub, to support educators to integrate relevant issues into their courses and programs, as well as asynchronous courses with a national reach (such as [Introduction to Sustainable Health Systems](#), hosted by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons; and healthcare organization education module, downloadable from CASCADES). As well, we run a **Planetary Health & Sustainable Care [ECHO](#)** (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes), with innovative ECHO cycles

throughout the year that provide a collaborative space to discuss, troubleshoot, and celebrate efforts to provide climate resilient and sustainable care across settings and specialties. We are happy to explore ways to partner to advance professional knowledge and educational capacities.

- **Engage with or develop a research cluster:** We have developed 5 [research clusters](#), where there is clear need, capacity and expertise ([Pharmaceuticals & the Environment](#), [Sustainable Digital Health Transformation](#), [Mental Health in the Anthropocene](#), [Equitable Urban Climate Resilience](#), [Healthy Food Systems within Planetary Limits](#)). We are working to develop more; if you are interested to contribute, or develop a new cluster, please reach out.
- **Pitch an initiative that we might help to co-produce:** We are happy to collaborate with members on policy engagement, knowledge mobilization events, or other research activities, as our capacity allows.

**We want to work with our members (and, as appropriate, other scientists or public agencies) to amplify our collective impact!** If you are preparing a grant application and think our involvement would be helpful, we would be glad to discuss how we could best support your proposal and collaborate in a way that strengthens the application. Please reach out to discuss possible collaborations: [climate.health@utoronto.ca](mailto:climate.health@utoronto.ca)

*Please note: We have developed a [Sponsorship & Industry Engagement Policy](#) that applies to the **Collaborative Centre** regarding financial/ in kind support from a for-profit commercial entity or an associated corporate/commercial foundation. The policy only applies to **members** if members aim to leverage the Collaborative Centre identify or its support for a specific activity. Where they do, we ask members to review the policy [here](#) and reach out if there might be an issue ([climate.health@utoronto.ca](mailto:climate.health@utoronto.ca)), so that we can identify, evaluate, and manage any risks posed by commercial sponsorship.*