

# Advancing Food Insecurity Research in Canada

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

It has been 35 years since the first food bank opened in Canada, 22 years since questions about household food insecurity first appeared on national surveys, and 10 years since we began systematically monitoring this problem in Canada. Over this period, research has been conducted to describe the extent of the problem, who is affected, health and other consequences, and the lived experience of food insecurity. There have also been critical examinations of current responses and policy directions.

This conference will provide an opportunity to share new and emerging research in food insecurity. Conference attendees can expect to learn what is known about the relationship between food insecurity and health, how food insecurity interfaces with social vulnerability, and what the broader social and economic implications of this problem are. The conference will facilitate discussion about the impact of existing policy interventions and the potential for new policy ideas like a basic income to tackle food insecurity. Attendees will gain an understanding of how the problem of food insecurity has been framed and how this has led to food-based rather than income-based responses in Canada. The conference will also provide a forum for food insecurity research from other high-income countries such as the US and the UK, facilitating cross-fertilization of ideas. Additionally, the conference will be a place to discuss how food insecurity research has been (and can be) used to inform the work of civil society organizations and health practitioners.

At *Advancing Food Insecurity Research in Canada 2016*, we will take stock of current knowledge gaps so that we can forge an agenda for future research that will lead to more effective responses to food insecurity in Canada.

The conference program will include a mix of panel discussions as well as presentations on current research. Please submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations on topics related to understanding the causes and consequences of and responses to food insecurity in Canada, and the translation of food insecurity research into policy and practice. All relevant abstracts are welcome and will be considered.

**Abstract deadline: JULY 15, 2016**

**SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:** Submit your abstract on-line in accordance with on-line stated requirements at <http://proof.utoronto.ca/conference/abstracts/>.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration will open September 1, 2016 at <http://proof.utoronto.ca/conference>. The fee for regular registration is \$250; \$75 for enrolled students and for unwaged registrants. All presenting authors must register for the conference. Please consult the conference website for updates on the conference program. Limited funds will be available for travel support for those who require assistance.

PROOF is a CIHR-funded, interdisciplinary research program working to identify effective policy interventions to reduce household food insecurity in Canada.