



Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation (CJPE)
Roots and Relations (R&R) Permanent Section

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The CJPE seeks to promote the theory and practice of program evaluation in Canada. [CJPE is an open-access and bilingual journal](#), publishing in both English and French. Our readership and authors are both local and international, including academics, practitioners, and policymakers.

The R&R section creates sacred space for Indigenous authors and knowledges, and is co-edited by Larry Bremner and Dr. Nicole Bowman. For full information on the R&R journal section purpose and scope, please [visit the CJPE webpage](#). Scroll down to the bottom of the page and expand the section called "Roots and Relations."

We are pleased to receive submissions for R&R on a rolling basis. R&R is a permanent CJPE section that is published in every June issue and every December issue.

Full submissions should be made through the [Manuscript Central online system](#). While we accept submissions at any time of year, we must work with publication deadlines each year to determine which issue of CJPE your submission will appear in.

Hold up! The CJPE is switching to a new publishing platform, and our next issue will be published in Spring 2026. Our updated deadline for new submissions in this transition time is January 16, 2026. Please email cjpe@evaluationcanada.ca for updated submission instructions.

Please review the rest of this call for information about the spirit, values, and purpose underlying our section, in addition to technical information about submissions.



CONTACT INFO AT A GLANCE

Roots & Relations questions:

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PREPARING YOUR SUBMISSION

As co-editors, we encourage you to submit your work relating to program evaluation. Larry Bremner (Métis) CE, FCES, and Dr. Nicole Bowman (Lunaape/Mohican) will facilitate the process of developing and upholding these foundational elements of R&R.

You need not be in academia to submit, though academic submissions are welcome. Indigenous graduate students, curious and passionate Indigenous community members, Indigenous practitioners, First Nations and other Indigenous policy makers, leaders, and scholars on Kukuna Ahkuy (Mother Earth) are warmly invited to share their important work in any of the following forms.

- ★ **Written submissions up to 7,000 words** (including references) on evaluation theory and practice, including innovative methodological approaches; standards of practice; and strategies to enhance the implementation, reporting, and use of evaluations. Articles reporting original empirical research on evaluation are of particular interest (in doc or docx format)
- ★ **Audio- or Video-recorded submissions** (in mp4, mov, wmv, avi, or flv format)
- ★ **Creative and/or cultural representations** such as regalia, music, poetry, artwork, or other expressions (in mp4, mov, wmv, avi, flv, jpg, png, or svg format) and an accompanying artist's statement (in doc or docx format)

Possible topics or content addressed by submissions might include origin stories; traditional knowledge; oral history; Indigenous theories, frameworks, ethics; working nation to nation; treaties; oral agreements, innovative approaches to Indigenous evaluation; traditional ways of sense making; sustainability; environmental stewardship; or differentiating what "wisdom" is (our Elders) vs. simply the production of more knowledge (western ways.)

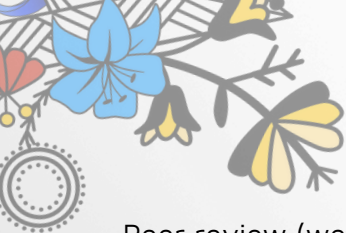
R&R will

sacredly hold and protect

traditional knowledge, respect and assert sovereignty, provide a nurturing space for Indigenous voices, and

celebrate Indigenous innovation

in evaluation.



Peer review (western) and oral discussion review (traditional Indigenous) will both be part of the selection process for submissions chosen for the R&R section.

All submissions must be accompanied by a written or vocal recorded abstract that explains how the submission is an exemplar of traditional Indigenous approaches into evaluation practice. **The abstract should also identify to which doorway the submission aligns (Eastern, Southern, Western, or Northern door on the Medicine Wheel.)** Please see the R&R section purpose in the Roots and Relations Section at the bottom of the [CJPE page](#) for an explanation of the doorways.

Please note that R&R embraces a kinship model where all Indigenous-led submissions are welcome and will be handled with cultural and professional standards of care, ethics, and values. If you are new to evaluation or to publishing, or have other general questions about R&R, please email the editors, Larry Bremner (larry@proactive.mb.ca) or Dr. Nicole Bowman (nicky@bpcwi.com).



ONLINE SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS



Stay tuned for updated instructions!

- ✓ Please ensure your submission is anonymous by removing any identifying author names. See next page for instructions.
- ✓ Please also email your anonymous paper to rr@evaluationcanada.ca and please CC the editors: Larry Bremner (larry@proactive.mb.ca) and Dr. Nicole Bowman (nicky@bpcwi.com)



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OF YOUR SUBMISSION



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