

O'Brien Institute for Public Health

Fall Forum 2026

Call for Abstracts – Poster Session

The O'Brien Institute for Public Health is pleased to present the 2026 Fall Forum, *Learning together: Building learning health systems through collaboration*. This forum will bring together researchers, health-system leaders, patients, community organizations and policy partners. Marking the launch of the O'Brien Institute Learning Health Systems Accelerator, this event will explore how learning health systems can enable more responsive, equitable and collaborative approaches to improving health.

We invite Institute members, students, trainees and research staff to submit abstracts for a poster session showcasing innovative Learning Health System initiatives that highlight work that translates data, evidence and lived experience into meaningful improvements in health systems and communities.

We welcome submissions from a broad range of disciplines, sectors and perspectives, including clinical innovations, health-system delivery, community engagement, policy, quality improvement, implementation science, patient partnership and data-driven decision-making. Information and Details

Abstract Submission Deadline: September 8, 2026.

Eligibility: O'Brien Institute for Public Health members, students, trainees, research staff and collaborators affiliated with an Institute member.

We welcome both new and previously presented work. Presenters may reuse or adapt posters that have been submitted to or presented at other venues.

Formatting Rules: Maximum 300 words, 1-page, 2 cm margins and 12-point font. Abstracts that do not conform to this format may be withdrawn. The abstract must contain the following headings:

Background: Describe the context and importance of the study and state the objective(s) of the study.

Methods: Describe the methods used including study design, setting, population, measures and analytic procedures.

Results: Describe the results in sufficient detail to support the conclusions. Tabular or graphic results are acceptable.

Conclusions: Should state the implications of the findings for clinical practice, research, education or policy.

Submission: Submit your abstract as a Microsoft Word or PDF document to iph@ucalgary.ca with the subject line: "Fall Forum Abstract Submission".

Notification of Acceptance: Applicants will be notified by September 18, 2026.

Event Date: The Fall Forum and Poster Session will take place on Oct. 15, 2026, at the Red and White Club from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Poster set up must take place between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Questions? Contact: iph@ucalgary.ca