

Call for Applications Emerging Scholars Colloquium November 26, 2025

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The Qualitative Accounting Research Symposium (QARS) Organizing Committee is pleased to announce an ***Emerging Scholars Colloquium*** (ESC) to be held on November 26, 2025, immediately in advance of the main symposium on November 27-28, 2025 at the University of Guelph. ESC participants are encouraged to attend QARS after the colloquium.

The ESC is intended for emerging scholars developing or working on a qualitative research project in accounting (we are open to different theoretical perspectives and a range of topics). During the ESC emerging scholars will present and discuss their research projects with peers as well as established accounting researchers and get constructive feedback. Faculty mentors this year include Marcia Annisette (York University), Christine Gilbert (Université Laval), Trevor Hopper (University of Sussex) and Vaughn Radcliffe (Western University).

In addition to supporting the advancement of qualitative research projects, the aim of the ESC is to introduce emerging scholars to a supportive qualitative accounting research community. The forum will provide an opportunity to consider how to build a successful research program and to reflect on other questions, issues and topics of interest to emerging scholars.

Eligibility and application process

Emerging scholars include students currently studying for a PhD program and early career researchers (typically those who have been in an academic position involving a significant expectation of research for less than five years).

To facilitate strong dialogue and discussion, the number of emerging scholars invited to participate will be limited. Individuals who wish to express an interest in attending the QARS ESC are requested to forward their research proposals, brief biographical details, a CV, and a letter of support from their thesis/dissertation supervisor or a senior academic colleague to our website (please see below for further details).

Research proposals of no more than six pages (double-spaced) should contain the following information:

1. Project (working) title
2. Background to the study
3. Main research objective to be stated in a single, concise sentence
4. Concise statement of key research question(s)
5. Research methodology
6. Limitations of the study
7. Expected (original) contribution of the study to the literature
8. List of no more than 12 key references relating the proposed study

Ideally, applicants should have at minimum made progress in their doctoral research but PhD students who have progressed beyond their second year are the most likely to benefit. Accordingly, we encourage particularly later-stage doctoral students (who already have at least one working paper rather than merely a research proposal) and early career scholars to apply.

Travel and accommodation have to be organized and covered by participants.

Submission and timelines

To apply for the ESC, please submit the requested information no later than **Friday, September 5th, 2025** to our new website:

<https://www.yorku.ca/laps/sas/experience/qualitative-accounting-research-symposium/>

[Note that the website is still undergoing construction; the submission portal will be open by mid-July.]

Notification of acceptance will be sent to authors by **Friday, October 3rd, 2025**.

Registration for QARS

Registration is free for both authors and participants. Please visit our website and click on the Registration button to register.

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As part of the registration process, you will be asked whether or not you are a member of CPA Ontario. This information is being tracked for reporting to our sponsor and does not affect your registration in any way.