

Call for Papers
Qualitative Accounting Research Symposium 2025
&
Emerging Scholars Colloquium

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Faculty of Business & Economics, Algoma University

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***Canadian Academic Accounting Association (CAAA) &
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (CPA Ontario)***

Dates: Emerging Scholars Colloquium (in person): Wednesday, November 26, 2025
Main conference (hybrid): Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28, 2025

Venue for in-person attendees: University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario (Canada)

The Qualitative Accounting Research Symposium (QARS) brings together researchers and accounting faculty who share an interest in qualitative accounting research from diverse methodological and theoretical perspectives. The Symposium provides a high-profile forum for scholars (academics, research students) and practitioners to discuss accounting practice and research issues in a social, political, and economic context of humankind.

Presentation formats

There will be two formats for presentations. Both in-person and remote presentation opportunities are available.

- Full paper presentations – 30 minutes consisting of a 15-minute author presentation, an up to 10-minute discussant presentation, and the remaining time for Q&A
- Lightning presentations – 15 minutes consisting of a 5-minute author presentation and a combined Q&A session

Submissions

The Symposium welcomes submissions of qualitative research projects in any area of accounting. Please note that regardless of the language of submission, all presentations will be conducted in English.

- *Full paper submissions:* Papers may be submitted in English, French, or Spanish and must be in Word format. Paper submissions must include an abstract of 250 words or less. Author identification should appear on the cover page only. The title should appear on the abstract page and on the first page of the body of the paper.
- *Lightning submissions:* Project summary or extended abstract submissions (max. two pages) will be considered for one of the available “lightning” presentation slots. The lightning sessions will be immediately followed by group discussions.

During the submission process, you will be asked to declare that the paper is original work and that at the time of submission, it has not been accepted for publication. You will also be asked to agree that you and/or a co-author will review up to two other papers, and that you or a co-author will be a discussant for another paper if your paper is accepted and presented.

Deadlines

The paper/abstract submission deadline for this year's symposium will be Friday, September 5, 2025. To submit, please visit our new website at:

<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 Monday, September 29, 2025.

This year's Symposium will feature a keynote speaker, a panel discussion, full paper presentations and lightning sessions for research projects. The Symposium will be preceded by an Emerging Scholars Colloquium (ESC) to support emerging scholars working on qualitative accounting research. The ESC will give emerging scholars an opportunity to present and discuss their research projects with senior qualitative researchers within a relatively informal atmosphere. The ESC will take place on November 27, 2025, preceding the QARS on November 27-28, 2025, which ESC participants are encouraged to attend. For further information on this initiative, please refer to our separate announcement.

The theme for this year's Symposium is

Qualitative research & researchers: Trust and confidence

Keynote speaker: We are delighted to announce that **Christine Gilbert** from Université Laval will provide this year's keynote address.

Panel: Our panel will feature Christine Gilbert (Université Laval), Vaughn Radcliffe (Western University), Marcia Annisette (York University), and Trevor Hopper (University of Sussex).

The 2025 Symposium is co-organized by the University of Guelph, York University, and Algoma University. We are grateful to our sponsors, including the Canadian Academic Accounting Association, CPA Ontario, the Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics, the Department of Management at the University of Guelph, the Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies at York University, and the Faculty of Business and Economics at Algoma University.

Symposium Registration

Registration is free for both authors and participants. Please visit our new 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.

Inquiries

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