



CAREB-ACCER Conference 2026

Power of Presence in Research Ethics

Hybrid, Ottawa, ON | June 16-18, 2026

ATTENDEE WELCOME PACKAGE

Everything you need to participate- in person and virtually

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Welcome to CAREB-ACCER 2026!

We are delighted to welcome you to the CAREB-ACCER 2026 Hybrid Conference-The Power of Presence in Research Ethics: Live, Virtual, United. Whether you are joining us in person at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa or connecting from wherever you are in the world, we are thrilled you are here.

This year's conference brings together the Canadian research ethics community to explore what it truly means to be present- in person, virtually, and ethically- as we navigate hybrid environments, emerging technologies, and evolving research practices.

This Welcome Package contains everything you need to make the most of your experience, including guidance on how to navigate our online conference platform, an overview of our distinguished keynote speakers, the full conference schedule, and important rules of engagement.

We look forward to three days of rich discussion, connection, and collaboration. Welcome!

About the Conference

AT A GLANCE	
Theme	<i>The Power of Presence in Research Ethics: Live, Virtual, United</i>
Format	Hybrid (In-Person + Virtual)
Dates	June 16–18, 2026
In-Person Venue	Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin St, Ottawa, ON K1P 5K8

Conference Structure

DAY 1 June 16	Workshop Day (In-Person Only, Ottawa) Dedicated hands-on workshops including REB 101, complex submissions, and research ethics in a digital world. Separate registration and fees required.
DAYS 2–3 June 17–18	Main Conference (Hybrid) Keynote addresses, panel discussions, concurrent breakout sessions, virtual posters, and networking- accessible both in person and online. All in-person attendees also have full access to the virtual platform.

Thematic Streams

The 2026 program is organized around three interconnected themes:

- **Ethics in Emerging Technology and Innovation** - Exploring ethical dimensions of AI, open science, big data, and rapidly evolving research tools.
- **Ethics Infrastructure, Oversight, and Policy** - How REBs and governance frameworks are adapting to global, digital, and institutional change.
- **Engagement, Relationships, and Trust** - The relational foundation of research ethics through community engagement, ethical literacy, and meaningful presence with participants.

Navigating the Online Conference Platform

CAREB-ACCER 2026 uses Zoom Events as its virtual conference platform (powered by Soundbox). This section walks you through everything you need to know before and during the event.



Watch the 2-minute platform walkthrough video:

<https://vimeo.com/1199290582/782b985bba?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>

For Virtual Attendees:

Before the Conference: Getting Ready

1	Sign In with Your Registration Email You will receive a "Platform Access" email from the Zoom Events platform. Click the "Join" button in the body of the email and sign in using the same email address you used when you registered. Only that specific email address has access to the event.
2	Update Your Zoom App To join session rooms successfully, ensure you have the latest version of the Zoom Workplace app installed. You can also join via a web browser or mobile device.
3	Add the Event to Your Calendar Use the calendar add links in your confirmation email: Google, Outlook, Yahoo, Apple, or download the .ics invite file.
4	Test Your Audio & Video Before the conference begins, do a quick Zoom test at zoom.us/test to confirm your microphone and speaker are working properly.

During the Conference: Navigating the Platform

5	Enter the Lobby After signing in and authenticating, you will land in the Conference Lobby. From here you can view the full agenda, access all live sessions, browse virtual poster submissions, and connect with other attendees.
6	Join a Session Click on any session in the agenda to join it. Sessions open in Zoom meeting rooms. You can join via the Zoom Workplace app, your web browser, or a mobile device.
7	Mute Yourself During Presentations Stay muted when presenters are speaking. Unmute only when the moderator prompts you for questions or discussion.
8	Virtual Posters Browse and engage with poster submissions directly from the Lobby or the agenda area. Poster presenters may be available during scheduled Bio Breaks for live discussion.
9	Networking Use the networking features within the platform to connect with fellow attendees and sponsors throughout the conference.

Important Platform Notes

- Sign in with the exact email address used during registration — no other email will have access.
- All sessions are recorded. By joining, you consent to audio and video recording.
- If you lose your session link, sign back in to the platform through the original event URL and re-enter the Lobby.

For In Person Attendees

Accessing the Virtual Event Platform

- To support a fully integrated hybrid experience, all in-person attendees are encouraged to access the conference's virtual platform throughout the event. This allows you to participate in live engagement features, access session materials, and move seamlessly between sessions and spaces.
- The platform is designed to be **mobile-first** and accessible directly from your personal device (e.g., smartphone). Access is enabled through **QR codes displayed throughout the venue** and during sessions.

How to Access the Platform

- Scan the **event-wide QR code** displayed at registration and around the venue.
- Use this as your primary entry point to the conference platform.
- From the platform, you can navigate sessions, access resources, and engage in live activities.

During sessions:

- Additional **session-specific QR codes** will be displayed on screens.
- These allow you to quickly join a specific session environment, including Q&A, chat, and surveys.
- Be sure to scan each **session-specific QR** and join each session digitally to mark your attendance and provide feedback upon completion of the session.

This approach enables in-person and virtual participants to **interact in the same digital space**, supporting a unified conference experience.

What You Can Do on the Platform

While attending in person, the platform allows you to:

- Participate in **live Q&A and chat discussions** during sessions
- Access **session materials and resources**
- Complete **session surveys** (via session-specific QR codes displayed at the beginning of each session)
- View **captions or translated captions** on your device where available
- Follow sessions remotely if moving between rooms

These features are designed to enhance your in-room experience, not replace it, by enabling real-time interaction and accessibility.

Rules of Engagement

To promote a collegial and positive learning experience for all conference attendees, please remember:

- All voices are accepted and valued here.
- We approach discussions with a willingness to learn and grow, recognizing that everyone brings different perspectives.
- During sessions, respect the session rules set out by the moderator.
- Show respect to presenters by staying muted during presentations and unmute only when prompted by the moderator.
- Remember that all sessions are video and audio recorded.

Behaviour that does not align with the CAREB-ACCER 2026 Rules of Engagement will not be tolerated. Attendees violating the Rules of Engagement will be removed from the conference platform.

Know Before You Go!

Quick Checklist — Virtual Attendees

✓	Sign in with the same email address you used during registration — only that email has access.
✓	Update Zoom to the newest version before the conference begins.
✓	You can join via the Zoom Workplace app, a web browser, or a mobile device.
✓	Add the event to your calendar using the links in your confirmation email.
✓	Watch the 2-minute platform walkthrough video for a quick orientation: https://vimeo.com/1199290582/782b985bba?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

Quick Checklist — In-Person Attendees (Ottawa)

- Bring your registration confirmation to the Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin St, Ottawa.
- Visit the registration desk upon arrival (open from 7:30 AM each day).

Before the Event

- Bring a **smartphone or tablet** with internet access
- Ensure your device is **fully charged** (charging access may be limited)
- Register and confirm you have access credentials if required

Upon Arrival

- Scan the **event-wide QR code** to enter the platform
- Bookmark or keep the platform open for easy re-entry
- Review the agenda and familiarize yourself with session navigation

During Sessions

- Scan the **session QR code** displayed on screen
- Use the platform to:
 - Submit questions
 - Engage in chat discussions
 - Access session materials
- Complete the **session survey** when prompted

Additional Tips

- Use the platform to **stay connected while moving between rooms**
- Bring **headphones** if you plan to use interpretation or captions
- Follow moderator prompts to engage (e.g., chat participation)
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- The Workshop Day (June 16) has separate registration and fees from the main conference days.

Key Reminder

Participation through the platform is an important part of the hybrid design. You are encouraged to actively engage digitally, even while attending in person, to ensure a connected experience across all attendees.

Technical Support

Need Help During the Conference?

Technical support is available during all conference hours (sign-in, audio, or video issues).

 **Call: +1 (647) 374-4685**
Enter Meeting ID: **885 2287 3628**

Common Troubleshooting Tips

- Can't sign in? Make sure you are using the exact email address from your conference registration.
- No audio? Check that your microphone is not muted at the device level, and that Zoom has permission to access your microphone.
- Session not loading? Try refreshing the browser or re-launching the Zoom app.

- Dropped from a session? Sign back into the platform using your event link and re-enter the Lobby to rejoin.
- Video issues? Close other applications that may be using your camera, and check your internet connection.

Conference Questions
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Conference Website
conference.careb-accер.org

We look forward to seeing you- live, virtual, and united!

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