

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FORUM

2026–27 Session Series



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

10:00–11:30 AM

Confronting emerging threats to survey and data integrity

AI bots, ineligible respondents and fraudulent or low-quality survey data are creating new risks for study validity. Explore how these threats intersect with REB requirements, detection and mitigation strategies, protocol design, consent processes and data-quality assurance.

Location: 6010 NI

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

10:30–11:30 AM

AI Tools for Researchers 2.0

A compact overview of useful AI tools across the research process: ideation, literature discovery and synthesis, numeric/text analysis, reproducible coding, academic and grant writing, multi-step automation, privacy-conscious AI use, and emerging tools shaping academia and the workplace.

The seminar is designed for professors, researchers, students, and university staff who do not have the time or technical background to test the many AI tools on the market.

Virtual • INSTATS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2027

1:00–2:30 PM

Communicating your research with confidence and precision

A hands-on session with Carleton communications experts on engaging journalists, broadcast media and public audiences. Learn to distill complex research into compelling messages, manage interviews with confidence, and represent your work and the institution effectively.

Location: 6010 NI • Facilitator: Alysha A. Cunningham, Director, Communications

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2027

1:00–2:30 PM

Extending the reach and impact of your scholarship

Increase the visibility and influence of research through academic profile building, social and digital media, institutional communications channels and knowledge mobilization. Translate strong scholarship into broader recognition, collaboration opportunities and societal impact.

Location: 6010 NI

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2027

1:00–2:30 PM

Strengthening mentorship and training practices

Guidance on effective supervision of graduate students and research assistants, covering expectations setting, mentorship best practices, equity and inclusion considerations, and strategies for supporting trainee success and wellbeing. Intended for current and prospective supervisors seeking to strengthen their supervisory practice.

Location: 6010 NI

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2027

12:00–1:00 PM

Navigating funding opportunities and strategic positioning

An overview of the current funding environment, Tri-Agency priorities, emerging funding streams and institutional strategic alignment. Identify where opportunities exist, how to position research competitively and how to align proposals with evolving funder expectations.

Virtual • Facilitator: Amanda Bradford-Janke