

Call for Proposals - KPU's Fifth Annual Anti-Racism Symposium

Event Date: March 23, 2027: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: KPU Surrey, Conference Centre

KPU's Task Force on Anti-Racism released its [final report](#) with 64 recommendations in October 2022. One of the recommendations is to "Establish an 'Anti-Racism at KPU' Day to have an annual full-day symposium to discuss and encourage confronting racism and to share internal and external research, scholarship, and creativity on racism/anti-racism."

In response to this recommendation, KPU's Office of Equity and Inclusive Communities has hosted an [annual Anti-Racism Symposium](#) for the past four years. We are pleased to continue this work by hosting the **Fifth Annual Anti-Racism Symposium on March 23, 2027**, aligning with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Call for presentations:

Students, faculty, and staff across KPU are invited to submit proposals for presentations at the Anti-Racism Symposium. We welcome presentations that feature research, scholarship, creative work, or initiatives exploring anti-racism. Proposals should be accessible and engaging to a broad audience, including members of the KPU community and the public.

What we're looking for:

We particularly welcome submissions that:

- Showcase collaborative work with students and its impact on their educational experience
- Explore innovative research methods, non-traditional approaches, or research-creation
- Highlight Indigenous ways of knowing
- Share creative and artistic expressions, including paintings, photography, and other forms of visual or creative work

Presentation format:

Presentations should be **10–15 minutes** in length to allow ample time for questions and discussion. Creative and artistic works will be displayed throughout the day.

Proposal review:

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee formed by the Office of Equity and Inclusive Communities. The committee may suggest changes to the title, focus, or format to support accessibility, clarity, and broad appeal.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Anti-racist approaches to teaching
- Racism/anti-racism in the classroom
- Anti-racist ways of knowing
- Anti-Indigenous racism in academia and/or beyond
- Anti-Black racism in academia and/or beyond
- Anti-Asian racism in academia and/or beyond
- Role of art and creativity in fostering anti-racism

Proposals should include:

1. **Name(s), department(s), and/or unit(s)** — please include this information for all presenters or contributors.
2. **Presentation title** — brief and engaging; shorter titles are preferred for marketing and promotional materials
3. **Short description** — up to three sentences describing the topic and its appeal to a broad, non-specialist audience. This may be used in event promotions.
4. **Proposal description** — up to 250 words outlining:
 - The topic and key ideas
 - How the presentation will engage a broad, non-specialist audience, including members of the public
 - How the presentation directly addresses racism and/or anti-racism
5. **Recording consent** — confirmation that you consent to your presentation being livestreamed, recorded, and shared on KPU platforms

Priority:

Priority will be given to proposals from individuals who have not presented at a previous Anti-Racism Symposium.

Proposals due: Friday December, 11, 2026
Submit proposals or questions to: oeic@kpu.ca