

CIFAR AI INSIGHTS

# Policy briefs that shape the future of responsible AI

## CALL GUIDELINES

**CALL FOR**

Abstracts

**PROGRAM**

CIFAR AI Insights

**DEADLINE**

December 12, 2022

**CANDIDATE THEMES**

- Responsible AI
- AI for Health
- AI for Energy & Environment

**REGION(S) OF PROJECT FOCUS**

Canada

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## 1. Background

The CIFAR [AI & Society](#) program brings together stakeholders – people from different sectors, different disciplines, and different institutions – to develop global thought leadership on the societal implications of advances in AI. These dialogues deliver new ways of thinking about issues, and drive positive change in the development and deployment of responsible AI.

**CIFAR AI Insights** is a new initiative that invites experts from the community to author accessible policy briefs which discuss the societal and political implications of AI and emerging technologies. These policy briefs are a valuable conduit for developing thought leadership on issues of importance to policymakers, researchers, regulators, and others seeking to address the societal impact of AI.

## 2. About this Call

CIFAR is launching a call for abstracts for **CIFAR AI Insights** to be published in 2023. Experts from the community are invited to submit an abstract for a potential policy brief discussing the role of AI in society and the societal, political, legal and ethical challenges that accompany this expanding role.

### 3. Topics under consideration for this call:

- Responsible AI and related subtopics;
- AI for Health;
- AI for Energy and the Environment.

The final briefs should distill findings, share best practices, discuss policy relevant research highlights, and provide commentary, insights and observations around the societal implications of AI. They should be written in clear, concise language that is accessible to a wide audience.

Key audiences include policymakers, researchers, regulators, private sector leaders, journalists, and members of the interested public.

Abstracts that present and solely discuss new research or technical knowledge will not be considered.

### 4. CIFAR will provide

- Editorial, translation, design, publication and dissemination of the final brief, which will be promoted and included in the Pan-Canadian AI Strategy CIFAR AI Insights series of reports;
- An honorarium;
- Expanded visibility for authors with wider network reach;
- Promotional activities may include media and social media campaigns as well as consideration for additional CIFAR [Virtual Talks](#) and workshops/roundtable discussions.

## 5. Eligibility

- Authors must be affiliated with a Canadian post-secondary or other research institution, or a public or private-sector entity with a significant AI presence in Canada.
- Co-authors (but not lead authors) may be employees of a government agency.
- Honouraria are not provided to authors whose primary employment is in the private sector.
- Abstracts must be submitted by a maximum of 4 authors. We encourage collaborations from different disciplines.

## 6. How to Apply & Timeline

- **By December 12, 2022:** Abstracts must be emailed to [ai@cifar.ca](mailto:ai@cifar.ca) with the subject line "Abstract for CIFAR AI Insights."
  - Maximum 250 words
  - Include the title of the proposed policy brief
  - Include the names, affiliations and email address of all authors
  - Must be submitted as a pdf
  - Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to all applicants whose abstracts were received before the deadline
- **January 2023:** Abstracts will be reviewed by an editorial committee of internal and external reviewers and successful authors will be notified.
- **Throughout 2023:** Publication of the CIFAR AI Insights Policy Briefs.
  - Upon acceptance, successful authors will work with CIFAR to determine the best dates for drafting and publication.

## 7. Guidelines for final CIFAR AI Insights Policy Briefs

The final published briefs must:

- Be approximately 3,000 - 5,000 words;
- Be broken into subsections, such as “Executive Summary / Introduction / Findings (broken by theme) / Discussion / References”;
- Include short sidebar summaries of key findings/recommendations as needed;
- Contain a maximum of three figures (adapted/adjusted for visual fit by the CIFAR design team, with review by authors);
- Include a statement about how the different authors contributed and conflicts of interest;
- Include a disclaimer expressing the opinions are those of the authors only;
- Include lists of key terms and abbreviations as necessary.

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