

CALL FOR RESEARCH PARTNERS

The Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) invites applications to the **2025** Call for Research Partners. This is the second call for proposals by the CACB in an effort to collaboratively conduct research, nationally and internationally, as it relates to architectural accreditation and academic certification.

The CACB Research Initiatives Task Force was established in 2017 to explore the development of research in support of the CACB mandate. This task force became a regular CACB committee to oversee and undertake research, develop research questions and funding plans, and report to the CACB Board.

A Phase 1 Research Report was published in 2021 and a Supplemental Report with comparative graphics was published in 2022. Entitled, 'Canadian Architectural Education, Accreditation, and Certification trends in a Changing Environment,' these documents present and interpret data collected by the CACB from 2003-2019 from the 12 CACB Accredited Programs. <https://cacb.ca/cacb-research-initiatives/>

We welcome research collaborators whose interests intersect the CACB mandate and vision, which is to mobilize the Canadian architecture community towards an inclusive and sustainable future. Successful applicant(s) will have access to the CACB's statistical database and the opportunity to collaborate with the CACB's Research Committee. Other support in the form of pertinent data from CACB members, matching funds and/or in-kind support for research grant applications may also be available.

Prospective partners should be working on topics that can bring value to the CACB and its members. Topics may include: trends in architectural education and practice, the architect's career path, and processes related to accreditation and certification.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- a researcher formally associated with a university, research institute, or related organization (open to Canadian and international researchers).
- a demonstrated record of research, demonstrating relevance, sound methodologies, and professional integrity.

Submission

- email complete application (in English or French) to research@cacb.ca including:
 1. a 2-5 page summary of the proposed research, including:
 - a) Abstract – a brief outline of objectives and questions to be addressed;

- b) Relevance – why a CACB collaboration and data is important for the study, and how the research pertains to the CACB mission and mandate;
 - c) Methodology – an outline of the proposed approach (data analysis, interviews, etc.);
 - d) Outcomes – anticipated outcomes, publications, and/or broader aims;
 - e) Budget – including funds already secured, applied for, or needed, and the nature of CACB support requested;
 - f) Timeline; and
 - g) Bibliography, or short list of pertinent links/resources
2. CV (include one for each researcher, if the proposal involves a team)
 3. Other relevant supporting documents, as necessary

Assessment:

Proposals will be assessed by the CACB research committee based on:

- significance and clarity objectives;
- relevance to CACB mission and mandate, and potential for positive impact;
- likelihood of success based on proposed logistics and record of the researcher's achievements

Deadline:

- March 1, June 1, Sept. 1, and Dec. 1 of each year.