

Call for Proposals

Future Communications Conference | Open House 2026
Commercial/Communal

Hosted by the York University and Toronto Metropolitan University
Joint Graduate Program in Communication and Culture

Friday, December 11, 2026
York University (Keele Campus), Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Proposal Submission Deadline: Monday, November 9, 2026 at 4:30 pm

The 10th Annual Future Communications graduate student conference invites masters and doctoral students to join us for a day of dynamic discussions, creative presentations, and interdisciplinary exchange.

The conference is intended especially to support the development of student researchers in early stages.

This year's theme, ***Commercial/Communal***, invites broad and imaginative interpretations, welcoming investigations into all aspects of culture, media, politics, policy, technology, and creative practice.

We encourage participants to explore how cultures are negotiated among their economic and political realities, how communication can create or collapse collective identity, how emerging technology might help or hinder efforts for peace, and how our perspectives can be preserved in a commodified world.

Potential topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Corporatization of media industries
- Public discourse and political identity
- Technology and accessibility
- Postcolonial and Indigenous media practices
- Visual culture, spectatorship, and representation
- Media infrastructures and digital governance
- Environmental media and sustainability
- Communication policy and cultural regulation
- Creative practice as research
- Media and conflict, peacebuilding, and misinformation

- Nationalism, diaspora, and cultural memory

We welcome proposals for:

- Paper Presentations
- Poster Presentations
- Creative Artwork (film, multimedia, installation, performance, etc.)

Both ongoing and completed research or creative projects are welcome. Presentations will be grouped into small sessions of 3 or 4 presenters

Each presenter will have up to 15 minutes to present their work. After all presentations within the session are finished, the moderator will facilitate a brief Q&A and discussion, engaging with both the presenters and the audience.

[Submit your proposal via Google Form](#) by 4:30 p.m. (ET) on Monday, November 9, 2026

You will be notified of the status of your submission by Friday, November 20, 2026.

Conference location:

DB 0004, DB 0009, DB 0011, DB 0013
York University
Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Building (DB), Lower Level
86 Fine Arts Rd., North York, Ontario M3J 3M6

This is an **in-person** event. There is no fee to attend or present at the conference. Please note that we are unable to reimburse travel or related expenses.

For Inquiries:

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