

ARTS MATTERS CONFERENCE 2025

LEARNING THROUGH COMMUNITY: COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES TO CREATING AND KNOWING

Arts Matters is an interdisciplinary academic conference that provides undergraduate students at UNB and across Canada with an opportunity to showcase their critical thinking, research, and creative work before an audience of their colleagues and peers. Arts Matters is an excellent opportunity to share your learning and research while you hone your presentation skills.

Participation in Arts Matters is FREE.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome individuals from all backgrounds to share their academic work and creative projects (including works-in-progress). Students are encouraged to submit academic and creative work on all topics. Participants can also choose to submit work that speaks to our conference theme; however, it is not mandatory that your work align with our theme. **This year's theme centers on learning through community and diverse ways of knowing and creating.** If you have a project that you would love to share but aren't sure if it fits, please send us your abstract as we are looking to build a highly diverse program of presentations.

Accepted presenters will be invited to give a **12–15-minute presentation** during one of the conference panels on **March 21 or 22, 2025**. We accept abstracts in either **French or English**.

ACADEMIC WORK

We accept abstracts and project descriptions from all social sciences, humanities, and liberal arts disciplines. Submissions **do not** need to be related to the conference theme/question.

CREATIVE WORK

We highly encourage the showcasing of *creative work** (visual art, creative writing, multimedia projects, etc.). Film projects and creative writing pieces can be shown or read as part of our conference panels. For visual art, participants can choose to give a presentation about their creative work or simply display their work during the conference.

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out our [submission form](#) on [our website](#).

Please include your abstract or project description* of no more than **300 words**.

DEADLINES

Conference presentation submissions: **February 28th, 2025**

Artwork display submissions: **February 28th, 2025**

If you plan to present a creative project with a visual component (e.g., visual art project, digital art, etc.), **please include images of your work with your project description.*

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference will take place from **March 20th – 22nd, 2025** at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton (the unceded and unsundered territory of Wolastoqiyik).

More details on the conference schedule will be posted on the Arts Matters 2025 website (<https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/arts-matters-conference/>).

If you have any questions, please contact engagearts@unb.ca.