

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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UBC Health

Bridging Research and Action
May 15-16, 2025

Event Information Guide

Thank you for registering to attend **Bridging Research and Action**, a UBC Health-hosted event bringing together health system partners across BC to translate research insights into actionable strategies.

This two-day hybrid event (in-person at UBC Vancouver/Okanagan and online) aims to:

- Showcase interdisciplinary health research and innovations
- Facilitate dynamic dialogue through panels, workshops, and working groups
- Catalyze collaborations to integrate research into practice

Date & Time:

- May 15th, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM PDT
- May 16th, 8:00 AM – 2:15 PM PDT

In-Person Locations:

- **UBC Vancouver**: The Great South Hall, The Nest, 6133 University Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
- **UBC Okanagan**: The Gathering Room, Nechako Housing Commons, 1255 International Mews, Kelowna, BC, V1V 1V8

Virtual Participation:

- To participate virtually, ensure you have Zoom installed in advance.
- Access Zoom links via the event program page. Links will be live **15 minutes** prior to each session.

Land Acknowledgement

As we come together for this two-day hybrid event—both online and in person—we respectfully acknowledge the lands on which our in-person gatherings are taking place. UBC Vancouver is situated on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the **xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) People**, and UBC Okanagan is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the **Syilx Okanagan Nation**.

We are deeply grateful to gather on these lands to explore interdisciplinary health research and innovation, engage in meaningful dialogue grounded in respect and reciprocity, and build relationships that honour diverse perspectives and lived experiences.

Prepare to Engage

Bridging Research and Action is an interactive, collaborative, and thought-provoking event. Your voice and insights are essential to making this experience meaningful for everyone involved. Over the course of the two days, you will have many opportunities to contribute, connect, and co-create ideas. We encourage you to:

- **Bring your curiosity, expertise, and openness.** Whether you are a researcher, practitioner, community member, policymaker, or student, your perspective adds value to the conversations.
- **Engage actively in discussions.** Take part in Q&A sessions, interactive sessions, and small-group dialogues where diverse viewpoints drive learning and innovation.
- **Build connections.** Use breaks, meals, and informal networking moments to meet new colleagues, deepen partnerships, and explore possibilities for future collaboration.

We ask all participants to contribute to a respectful, inclusive, and welcoming environment. Please engage thoughtfully and supportively throughout the event.

Event Program

Explore the **FULL PROGRAM** and detailed session information. Learn more about our speakers here. You must be registered for the event to be able to view the program and join virtually.

Full Program

Speaker Info

Breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days.

There are two different kinds of sessions throughout the event:

1. **Plenary Sessions**
   Live-streamed across UBC Vancouver, UBC Okanagan, and online, these panel-based discussions feature diverse experts to explore systemic health challenges.
   - Thought-provoking discussions on Indigenous knowledge integration, cross-sector collaboration, and funder priorities.
   - Live Q&A participation through Slido (both in-person and virtual attendees)

2. **Concurrent Interactive Sessions**
   Designed for active participation, these smaller sessions (offered in-person, hybrid, or online-only formats) focus on fostering dialogue and sharing knowledge.
   - Choose from multiple concurrent sessions per time slot—join those most relevant to your interests!
   - Collaborate in working groups or roundtables
   - For some sessions, Hybrid options allow virtual attendees to engage via Zoom breakout rooms.

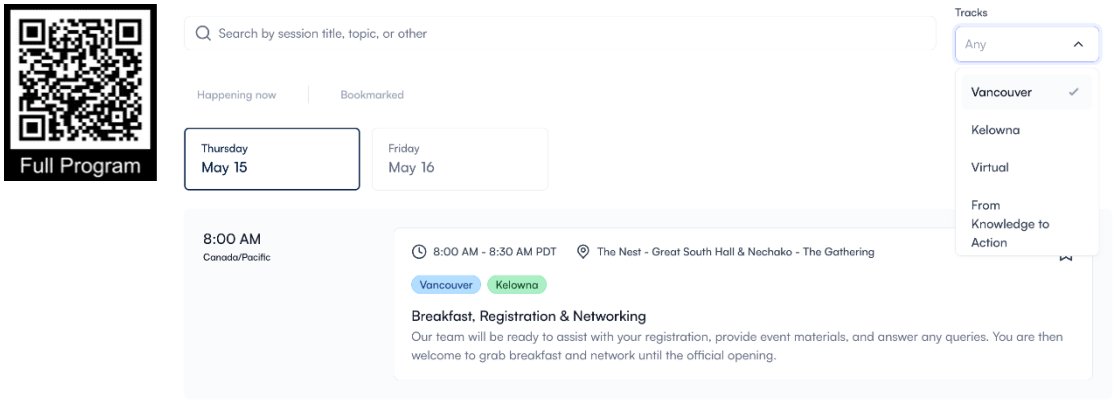
Note: No pre-registration for sessions required—attend any sessions that interest you!

Virtual Event Accessibility
To ensure accessibility for all participants, live captions will be available for all Zoom sessions during the event. We strive to make the event as inclusive as possible, and we encourage you to reach out if you need further assistance.

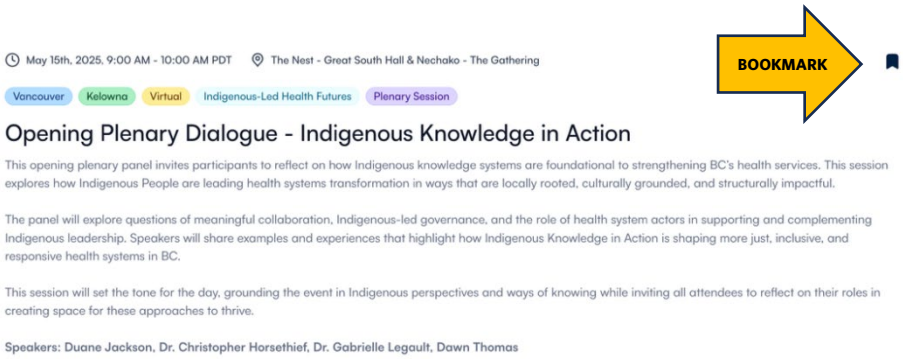
For UBCO attendees:
Please note that the walking distance between the main event room and the breakout session rooms at UBC Okanagan is approximately 5 minutes.

Navigating the Program

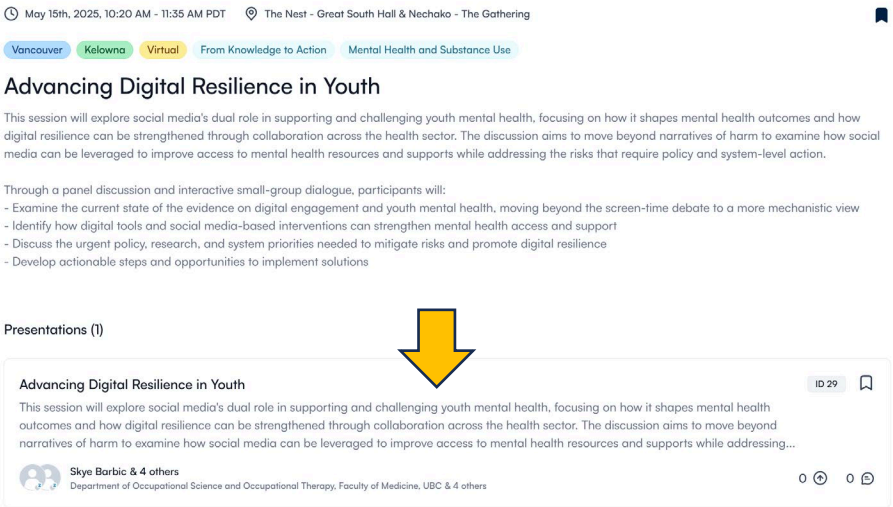
1. Review the **FULL PROGRAM**. All session times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time (PDT / UTC-7). This page will display the titles of all sessions (plenary and interactive). You will be able to filter sessions by location and themes.



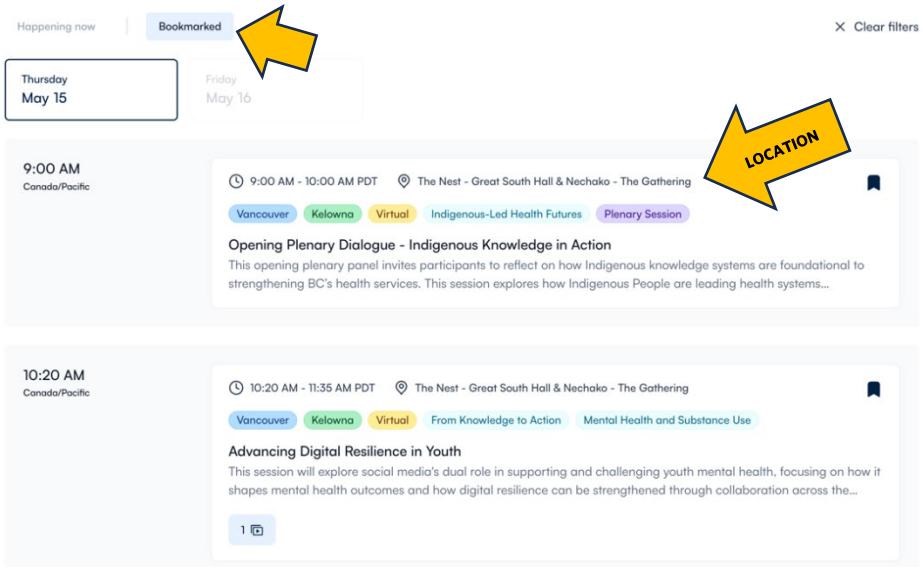
2. If a session catches your interest, click on it to read more details and you can bookmark the session directly on the website. We encourage you to bookmark sessions you plan to attend in advance to make navigation easier during the event.



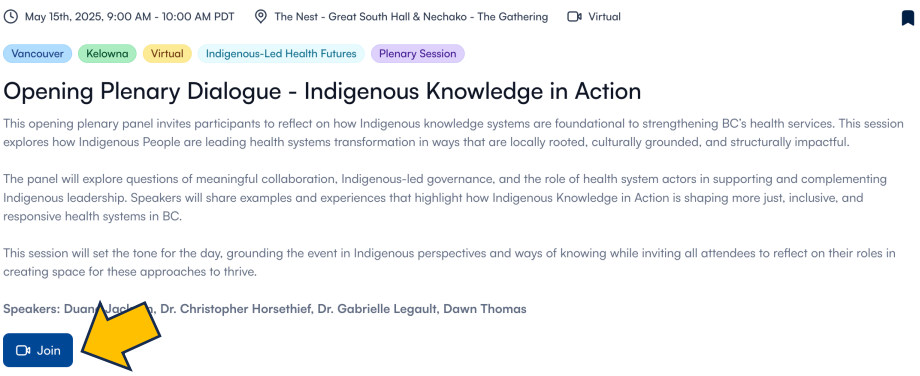
<u>Interactive Session:</u> Click on the session details to view information about the session leads and facilitators.



3. To review your personalized or bookmarked sessions, click on “Bookmarked”. Room locations are listed with each session.



4. **Virtual Attendees** - Click on the **Join** button at the bottom of the session descriptions to join the virtual sessions. Each interactive session will have its own unique Zoom link. These links are only visible to registered participants.



Slido

- The event will use **Slido** to support participant engagement across sites.
- The Slido event code and links will be shared at the beginning of each session, and in the chat for virtual participants.

Check-in and Nametag Pick up

Day 1 and Day 2:

- **8:00 AM – 8:30 AM:** Check-in opens (*breakfast served*).
- **8:30 AM:** Ceremonial welcome begins (*please be seated*).

Location:

- **UBC Vancouver:** Great Hall Lobby (*look for signage when you enter The Nest*).
- **UBC Okanagan:** Outside the Gathering Room

Event staff will be available at the check-in desk throughout the day.

Session Recording

- Plenary and interactive sessions in the Great South Hall (Vancouver) and Gathering Room (Okanagan) will be recorded for post-event distribution.
    - Recordings will be shared on the UBC Health YouTube channel post event.

UBC Health YouTube

Spread the Word & Stay Connected

Please help spread the word about the event and your experiences during the event. Use the hashtag **#BridgingResearchAndAction** and tag UBC Health on LinkedIn @ubc-health or X (formerly Twitter) @ubc_health.

Deregistration

Can't attend? There are limited in-person spots. Please release your spot here or switch your registration to virtual to allow others to participate.

Deregistration Form

Wi-Fi Access

Stay connected at UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan:

- **For UBC Students, Faculty, and Staff**
    - Connect to ubcsecure, eduroam, or ubcprivate using your UBC credentials (CWL).
- **For Visitors from other educational institutions**
    - Use your home institution's eduroam login (e.g., your student email and password).
- **For All Other Visitors**
    - Select the "ubcvisitor" wireless network.
    - Open a web browser—you'll be redirected to the login page.
    - Accept the Terms of Service to connect.
    - The ubcvisitor network is free and available in all event spaces.

For troubleshooting, visit UBC IT Support or ask event staff.

Need Help?

- Vancouver and Online: Chen Li, Project Coordinator (chen.li@ubc.ca).
- Okanagan: Lindsay Burton, Project Coordinator (lindsay.burton@ubc.ca).

Additional Tips

- **What to Bring**: Laptop/tablet/smart phone (to participate in Slido), charger, reusable water bottle, notebook, and business cards.
- **Safety**: Masks are optional but welcome. Hand sanitizer stations available.

In the event of an emergency, please follow signage and venue staff instructions. Exits are clearly marked at both venues.

Paid Parking

Accessibility Parking: If you require assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team.

- Vancouver: Chen Li, Project Coordinator (chen.li@ubc.ca).
- Okanagan: Lindsay Burton, Project Coordinator (lindsay.burton@ubc.ca).

UBCO Campus - Parking Near the Nechako Gathering

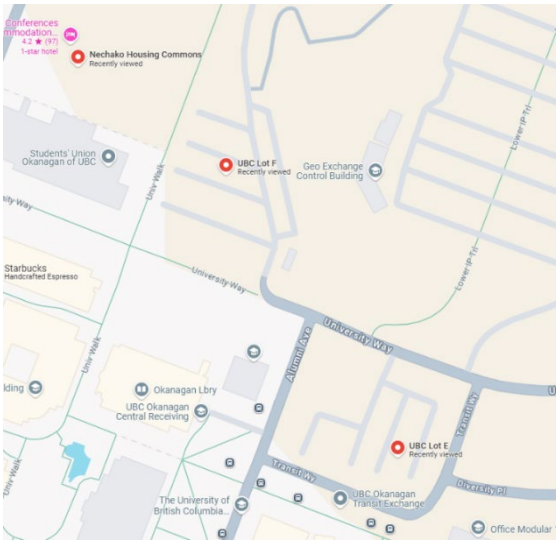
There are two parking lots less than a 5-minute walk from The Gathering

Lot F (Closet to venue)
University Way, Kelowna

- Accessible Parking
- Electric Vehicle Parking

Lot E
University Way, Kelowna

- Accessible Parking
- Electric Vehicle Parking
- Motorcycle Parking



UBC Point Grey Campus - Parking Near the Nest

There are three parkades less than a 5-minute walk from The Nest.

University Blvd Parkade (Closet to the venue, with a higher daily rate)
6131 University Boulevard
>1 minute walk to the Nest
Max. height: 6'5" – 1.96m

- Accessible Parking
- Motorcycle Parking
- Elevator
- EV Station

Health Sciences Parkade
2250 Health Sciences Mall
5-minute walk to the Nest
Max. height: 6'8" – 2.03m

- Accessible Parking
- Motorcycle Parking
- Bike Cage
- Elevator
- EV Station

North Parkade
6115 Student Union Blvd
3-minute walk to the Nest
Max. height: 6'5" – 1.96m

- Accessible Parking
- Motorcycle Parking

Passenger Drop-Off

Passengers can be dropped off in front of The Nest off University Blvd or at the turn-around at the intersection of East Mall and University Blvd; the Nest is a 30 second walk from there. See Map below.



Thank You!

Thank you for registering for *Bridging Research & Action*. We are grateful for your time, insight, and commitment to advancing health across BC. Your participation is key to shaping meaningful conversations and building connections that will help turn research into real-world impact.

We look forward to welcoming you at *Bridging Research & Action*.
— **UBC Health Team**

