

CatIQ Connect Student Delegate Program Call for Submissions

CatIQ Connect 2027 will take place at the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre on February 2-3, 2027.

For more information visit <https://connect.catiq.com/>

CatIQ's Canadian Catastrophe Conference:

The annual Canadian catastrophe conference, CatIQ Connect, is a content-driven event to foster collaboration before, during, and after natural and human-caused disasters. The conference delves into Canadian catastrophes, discusses strategies in disaster management, and explores sector perspectives. Overall themes include preparedness and resiliency, available tools and technology, and collaboration between stakeholders. **All levels of academia are encouraged to attend the conference; discounted rates are available for faculty, students, and others working in an academic setting. Email connectcontact@catiq.com for rates.**

Student Delegate Program – Make sure your school is represented!

CatIQ Connect's Student Delegate Program provides networking opportunities to graduate students attending Canadian universities and working in fields or researching topics related to resilience from catastrophes.

Three opportunities are available, each of which includes: **Full Conference Registration¹**, **thesis presentation** before the Tuesday cocktail reception, and **display space** during the cocktail reception for further discussion and/or poster session, and a **\$1,000 academic award**. These three students will be selected by the conference steering committee.

Seven additional opportunities are available which include: display space during the Tuesday cocktail reception/poster session.

Eligibility & Submission Requirements:

To apply for CatIQ Connect's Student Delegate Program you must:

- Be enrolled in a Canadian university or college **graduate** program (2025 and 2026 graduates may also apply)
- Be involved in or have conducted research relating to the following topics: Actuarial Sciences, Adaptation, Climate Change, Earth Science, Economics, Emergency Management, Engineering, Geography, Hydrology, Meteorology, Resiliency, Risk Management, Socioeconomics, Seismology, or other fields related to catastrophes

Your submission should include (in word or pdf format):

1. A brief statement of what you hope to get out of attending the conference (written or recorded – feel free to be creative)
2. An abstract of the research you wish to present and discuss (Max 300 words)
 - a. This should include why you chose this research, the process, results, and possible impacts
3. A resume or CV with your contact information and relevant education (Max 1 page)

Please send your completed submission to caroline.floyd@catiq.com no later than November 2, 2026.

Winners will be announced by December 4, 2026.

For more information, contact:

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¹ Students are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation for the conference. A limited number of reduced-rate hotel rooms are available to registrants.