

Report from the Research and Scholarship Committee
May 2026

Membership:

The Research and Scholarship Committee is comprised of the following CAUCE members:

- Alison Brophey, University of Victoria (co-chair)
- Carola Weil, McGill University, (co-chair)
- Belinda Jin, Simon Fraser University
- Jessica Cammaert, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Kristin Wilson, University of Waterloo
- Laurel Bai, University of Northern British Columbia
- Nagina Parmar, Toronto Metropolitan University

Meetings:

The committee meets via Zoom 2-4 times annually to discuss the following:

- Early fall – review of the proposal submission requirements, dates and timelines, updates
- Early winter - review of the October 15 proposal submissions, updates
- Mid spring - review of April 15 proposal submissions, updates
- Early spring, if required - Review Distinguished Researcher Award and Graduate Thesis or Dissertation Award applications, updates

Summary of 2025-26 Meetings:

1. The committee met via Zoom on October 1, 2025. We welcomed new committee members, reviewed our roles and responsibilities, and discussed themes for the Fall call for proposals.
2. One Research Fund proposal was received by October 15th:
An Analysis of Canadian Delivery Models of Continuing Professional Development:
researcher Lena Patterson
Decision: committee supported funding this proposal at \$3,500
3. The committee met via Zoom on April 30, 2026. We received two proposals for funding in the Spring submission.

Research Fund:

Reimer, Kristin: *Supporting Teacher Continuing Education in Cape Breton: The UnConference Way*

- **Decision:** pending

Jin, Belinda (Wan Qi): *Empower Continuing Education Instructors through Ongoing Professional Learning and Development*

- **Decision:** pending

Research Fund Reports

We received **final project reports** for these projects:

- Dombrowski, Lindsay: *Slowing Down Online Asynchronous Learning*
- Gavarkos, Adam: *Starting E-Learning Courses in the Context of Multiple Goal Pursuit: An Initial Exploration Among Health Professionals*

In addition to the final reports received, we received a **progress report** for this project:

- *Patterson, Lena: An Analysis of Canadian Delivery Models of Continuing Professional Development*

Additionally, Committee co-chairs Alison Brophy and Carola Weil led a webinar for CAUCE members on March 26th, to introduce the various awards and funds available and encourage more submissions. The webinar featured one of the successful grantees, Lindsay Dombrowski, whose video project supported by CAUCE had recently won an award.

Submitted by Carola Weil and Alison Brophy, co-chairs