

Call for Critical Dietetics Conference Hosts – June 13, 2017

The Critical Dietetics Conference Committee is seeking expressions of interests to host upcoming Critical Dietetics Conferences. Since 2011, we have hosted conferences in Toronto (Canada), Sydney (Australia), Chicago (USA), Wolfville (Canada), Coventry (UK), and Granada (Spain). This is an opportunity for you and your institution to engage and support important dialogue regarding Critical Dietetics, encourage involvement from students entering the dietetic profession, and build awareness of Critical Dietetics among other professions and disciplines. Priorities for Critical Dietetics are that our conferences be financially accessible and enlist people with new perspectives. Conference planning and administrative support will be provided. We are seeking proposals that address the following for 2018 and beyond:

1. Conferences that have been most successful have been organized at universities given the reasonable access to presentation technology, space, and other related benefits. Describe the location of the conference and provide documentation that your institution is a willing partner or co-sponsor.
2. Students play an integral role in the growth of Critical Dietetics. Outline the manner in which students will be involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the conference.
3. We expect students and practitioners to also have their voices represented as knowledge producers and theorizers within Critical Dietetics. Demonstrate how students and practitioners will be actively recruited to share their research or related projects.
4. Although costs are kept to a minimum, we aim to provide locally-sourced food and support the flight and accommodation of one keynote speaker. Describe any financial support you have sought and/or received to supplement the income from registration fees to cover the costs of the conference.
5. Each year we have created a call for abstracts around a particular theme included, but not limited to, “Critical Dietetics in Clinical and Community Settings: Building Empathy And Empowerment” (Sydney, Australia, 2012), “Food at the Centre” (Wolfville, Canada, 2013), and “Promoting Diversity, Redressing Inequity, and Seeking Social Justice in Dietetics” (Chicago, USA, 2014). Propose a theme as well as a keynote speaker that would address the theme critically and provocatively.
6. In addition to having a compelling conference program, conference attendees enjoy varied local attractions. Please list the local attractions available at the time of the conference as well as the name of the closest international airport and the distance the airport is from the conference venue.
7. Finally, previous Critical Dietetics conferences have most often happened over a two to three-day period mid-August. Suggest two potential dates that you would prefer and the number of days that you would consider hosting as well as whether you would be willing to include pre-conference workshops.

Please limit your proposal to no more than two pages and email to Jacqui Gingras jgingras@ryerson.ca by August 1, 2017.