



# Canadian Undergraduate Conference on Artificial Intelligence

**Speakers Package**

**March 2021 | Toronto, Ontario**



# Land Acknowledgement

Although this year, the conference has gone online, we acknowledge the land we traditionally meet on in Toronto. This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that the city of Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit. To acknowledge this traditional territory is to recognize the territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it.



# About CUCAI

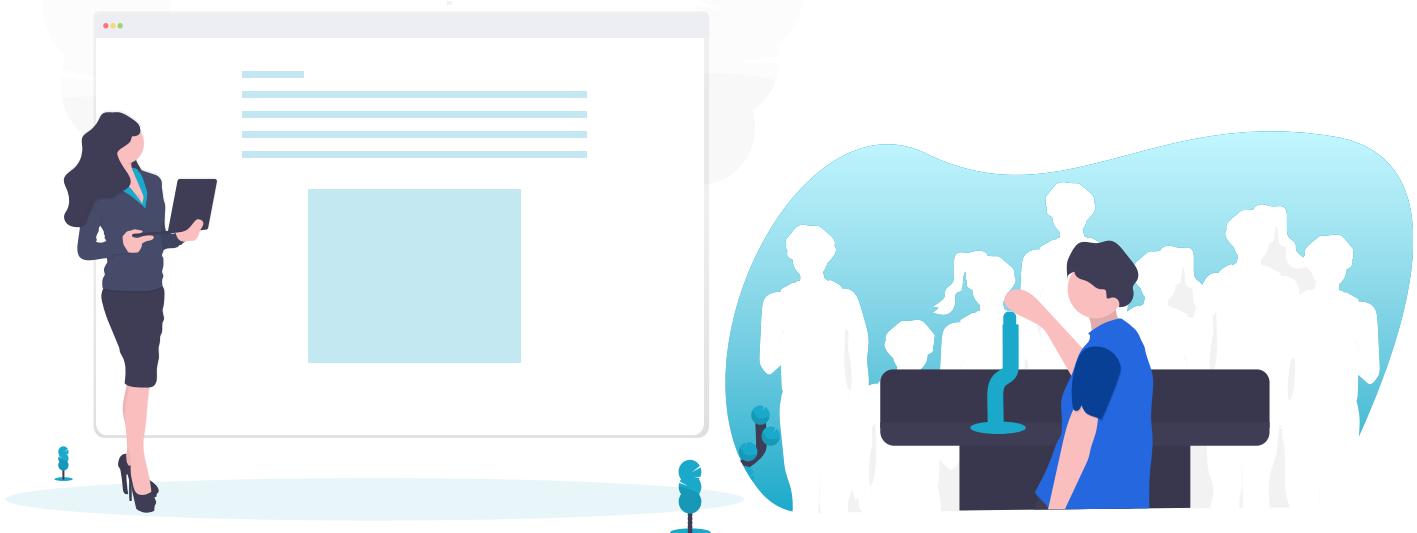
The first annual Canadian Undergraduate Conference on Artificial Intelligence (CUCAI) took place on March 9th, 2019. Founded by QMIND - Queen's AI Hub and a strong Queen's community, the event marked its debut on the national stage with delegations from Queen's University, McGill University, University of Toronto, Ryerson University, and University of Manitoba.

At CUCAI 2020, over 300 students, industry leaders, and partners came together for two days to discuss the state of Canadian AI. This was the largest attendance for a conference hosted by a group of Queen's University students to date.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, CUCAI 2021 will be held over two days online and we will be accepting over 700 delegates from the top schools in Canada. The decision to hold CUCAI 2021 online was made to ensure both our delegates and our industry partners remain safe while receiving the same phenomenal value, opportunities, and experiences as found with the event in previous years. Please refer to Pg. 6 for our detailed COVID-19 response.

All of the phenomenal events from our past two conferences will still be taking place at CUCAI 2021. This includes the design team showcase, industry showcase, presentations and workshops from speakers across the industry, a panel discussion on ethics in AI, pitch competition and a number of networking sessions, along with the inaugural student executive team showcase event.

Our community is one where we actively challenge the status quo around what undergraduate students are capable of achieving in the field of artificial intelligence. We are makers, innovators and disruptors. We have chosen this field because we know we can have an incredible impact. Our goal is to continue to grow our community and provide a space for undergraduate students to share their knowledge and explore the world of AI. The purpose of CUCAI is to create an environment where like-minded students can connect with each other and be supported in their ambitious goals. It's an opportunity for hard-working and innovative thinkers to share their thoughts and demonstrate what they have been working on. As a speaker, CUCAI is the perfect place to interact and connect with top talent in AI and machine learning.



# Speaker Opportunities

We are very pleased to invite you to speak at CUCAI 2021. By sharing your experiences and insight, you will be inspiring undergraduate students with a passion for AI who aspire to become future leaders of this evolving field. Our goal is to facilitate learning about AI and machine learning, and showcase the diverse opportunities available for students in this field. As a speaker at the Canadian Undergraduate Conference on Artificial Intelligence, you have the option to participate in one of three speaker opportunities seamlessly transitioned to an online format:

## Conference Speaker

Being a speaker means getting dedicated time to share your knowledge and experiences in the field of artificial intelligence. Speaker slots are between 20 minutes and 1 hour in length. The structure of the speech and whether or not you include time for Q&A is up to you.

## Panelist

Panel speakers will participate in an interactive and informative discussion. Panelists will answer delegate questions and share their viewpoints and experiences on the impact of artificial intelligence. Questions will be submitted by delegates in advance and then asked by a moderator. We will provide you with the potential questions beforehand and collaborate with all panelists to pre-select the questions asked at the event.

## Workshop Leader

This year our workshops are 1-hour events with active delegate participation. We want to challenge students to explore AI solutions to real-world problems that companies and industry leaders are facing today. Creativity is key here and we are open to any ideas you might have.

## Taster Event

The taster is a separate event from the conference in March. It is an event that will be used primarily as a networking and pre-conference promotional opportunity. The taster will occur in early January, and all delegates will get an opportunity to partake. The 20 minute speaking opportunity is designed to get students excited for the conference and learning more about AI. At the end of the presentation, there will be a brief Q&A.

# Past Speakers

## Past Speakers



**Geoffrey Hinton**

*“Godfather of AI”*

UofT, Google, Vector  
Institute

**Dan Desjardins**

CEO

Distributed Compute  
Labs

**Stuart Lombard**

*Founder and CEO*

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# COVID-19 Response

To ensure the safety of both our delegates and industry representatives, CUCAI 2021 has responded to COVID-19 by transitioning to a fully online format for the conference. While an online format presents a new and different experience to participants, the CUCAI 2021 team is dedicated to deliver the same phenomenal value, opportunities, and experiences in innovative ways.

Without the requirement for physical venues, or transportation for the conference's events, ticket prices will be further reduced for delegates making the conference more accessible to a wider range of students. An online format allows us to have hundreds more delegates and invite speakers from all over the world. To continue to provide the same level of quality, CUCAI will be covering lunches for attendees through an online delivery platform. Delegates will also still receive conference "swag" packages including promotional material through a mail-in service. We intend to maximize our online platform options to ensure that meaningful, interpersonal interactions are still a substantial aspect of the conference through virtual networking events, structured Q&A sessions with design teams and industry representatives, and the aforementioned pitch competition event.

We are committed to improving the quality of the experience for all guests at CUCAI 2021, despite the obstacles posed by COVID 19, and are excited to have you join us as we tackle this adversity to deliver the most successful CUCAI to date.



# Closing Remarks

The Canadian Undergraduate Conference on Artificial Intelligence aims to make the newest advances in AI accessible to the undergraduate student community. We hope to bridge the gap between education and industry, while inspiring highly motivated delegates to deepen their understanding of and contributions to this evolving field. Your involvement would be invaluable in achieving the conference goals. We would love to have you join us as a conference speaker at CUCAI 2021.

On behalf of the CUCAI team, we would like to thank you for taking the time to consider this opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

# Contact Information

## Let's Talk.

We're constantly looking to build dynamic relationships and partnerships with new and unique value.



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