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**Location:**

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**Event description:**

The OE3C is a provincial student-run, student-focused conference with aims to promote and showcase ecological, ethological, and evolutionary research. Hosted by a different university every year, the conference provides young researchers with a platform to refine their communication skills, receive valuable feedback on their work, and network with local experts and peers. The event is hosted over a weekend, and will include 3 plenary speakers each focused on one of the three areas of study: ecology, ethology, and evolution.

This year, Carleton University is excited to be hosting the event with the theme “Navigating earth's ecosystems today and tomorrow”. Our aims greatly align with the mandates of CSEE. Primarily, we are seeking to promote the study of ecology and evolution in Canada and encourage communition between early career researchers. With this years theme, we also hope to raise public awareness about the importance of ecology and evolution, in the context of our ever-changing climate.

**Expected attendance at this event:** 100-150

**Proposed date of event:** May 15-18, 2025

**Funding justification:**

Many students lack the funding to attend conferences. This is a important first step in a researcher’s career. Conferences provide an important opportunity to gain skills and experience in scientific communication and networking. One of the main reasons we require funding for OE3C is in order to keep the registration costs for students low. This will ensure that the colliquim is accessible to as many students as possible. The two major expenses that sponsorship and registration fees need to cover are the travel and accommodation expenses for our three plenary speakers, as well as food costs for all participants.

The colloquium is not backed by a professional organization and has no source of steady funding. Instead, it relies solely on sponsorships that vary in availability year-to-year. To ensure that the event is smoothly passed on year to year, the organizing committee tries to generate a surplus to pass on to next year’s organizing committee (a seed fund).