



## **Canadian Autism Leadership Summit 2026**

### **Guidelines for Panelist & Speaker Registration Fees, Fee Waivers, and Speaker Policies**

#### **1. Registration fees**

- a. Panelists and presenters are required to officially register for CALS 2026 on the [registration page](#) and pay the corresponding registration fee.
- b. The registration fees contribute to the overall success of the event, allowing us to invest in resources, technology, and the seamless execution of an enriching experience for both panelists and attendees.

#### **2. Registration fees for panelists with lived experience**

- a. We recognize how essential it is for the participation of first person (Autistic) or second person (caregiver or support person) to have equitable opportunities to participate meaningfully in the Summit. Their lived experiences and unique perspectives are invaluable and fundamentally shape the conversations and outcomes.
- b. To ensure our event is accessible to everyone, we are committed to waiving registration fees for panelists and presenters who identify as having lived experience, that is, an autistic person and/or a caregiver or support person.

#### **3. Travel expenses**

- a. Autism Alliance of Canada is not able to reimburse any travel expenses of panelists and presenters.
- b. For panelists or presenters who identify as having lived experience, that is, an autistic person and/or a caregiver or support person, a financial accessibility bursary is offered. Further information can be found [here](#).

#### **4. Compensation and privileges**



- a. Panelists and presenters will not receive remuneration or compensation for participation in CALS 2026.
- b. This includes honoraria, speaking fees, or other direct payments. Presenters and presenters are not automatically included in the Member Showcase. Presenters are not entitled to commercial promotion of products and services on the stage.