



# WELCOME TO THE RPLC!

The Rural Policy Learning Commons (RPLC) is a \$2.5M partnership grant funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) with the Rural Development Institute (RDI) and Brandon University. Major objectives of the RPLC are to build rural capacity and strengthen relationships to inform rural research and policy. Some members focus on provincial and regional research while others concentrate on international comparative analysis through working relationships among institutions and individual partners. **We encourage you to join the RPLC network, and learn more about how together we can enhance rural prosperity for all!**



Will host conferences and webinars reaching over **3,500 PEOPLE**

**7** RPLC Theme Networks

**4** Knowledge Mobilization Services

**OVER 30 PARTNERS**  
Universities, Governments, Organizations interested in rural policy

**OVER 2,300 INDIVIDUALS**  
Faculty, Government Representatives, Policy Organizations, International Organizations

## About the RPLC

Designing and implementing policy for rural and northern regions has long been a contentious issue, particularly since the challenges are variable and complex. The RPLC serves to enhance rural prosperity by

- Identifying and analyzing policy options relevant to rural and northern places.
- Evaluating these options in the context of national and international policy innovations, and
- Building leadership capacity among rural and northern researchers, policy-makers and practitioners.

Rural Themed Networks and Services (as indicated on the right) help develop policy deliverables useful to rural policy practitioners and community stakeholders through exchange expertise and experiences that cross disciplinary, organizational and sectoral lines. We encourage you to become an individual member and also for your institution/organization to engage with the RPLC.









## How to Become a Member

Everyone with an interest in rural and northern issues is welcome to join the RPLC network. Our members include researchers, policy makers, practitioners, students, business people, civil servants and citizens. The basic principle is that if someone makes a contribution, they get access to our resources. Our relationships vary from the very formal (e.g. co-applicants or collaborators according to SSHRC requirements) to very informal where people contribute as they can by exchanging information through our website, blog, social media, workshops, webinars, research profiles, templates, and resources. There definitely is a place for you in the RPLC.

## Partner Institutions / Organizations

We are also looking to develop new partnerships with institutions and organizations. Our current RPLC partners include a variety of municipalities, businesses, NGO's and media but mostly include university and colleges both nationally and internationally. Partnerships are typically manifested as MOUs with organizations affirming our mutual objectives, contributions and obligations in general terms and identify the commitments in terms of time, space, money, or other in-kind contributions. We encourage you to explore how the RPLC and your organization can work towards mutual goals.

### RPLC Theme Networks & Knowledge Mobilization

Rural Research Centres Network	
Rural Governance	
Migration in Remote and Rural Areas	
Transformations in Indigenous Communities	
Rural Renewable Energy	
Natural Resource Development	
RPLC - CRRF Alliance Network	
Knowledge Mobilization & Digital Services	
Research & Exchange Services	
Distance Education Services	
Rural Institutes Services	

### Deliverables

Rural Policy Briefs	Conferences
Research Reports	Research Exchanges
Publications	Learning Institutes
Presentations	Rural Routes Podcasts
E-Newsletter	Workshops/Webinars

### Audience

Faculty	Community Groups
Students	General Public
Government	& YOU
Policy makers	

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