

CIRPA-ACPRI Online “Ask Me Anything” (AMA)

Frequently Asked Questions & What to Expect

The Canadian Institutional Research and Planning Association (CIRPA-ACPRI) is a national, collegial community of institutional research and planning professionals across Canada, supporting knowledge-sharing, data-informed decision-making, and professional growth in the post-secondary sector.

This AMA series is designed to extend that mission by creating an accessible, informal space for members to connect, exchange insights, and explore emerging topics across the IRP community.



What is a CIRPA AMA?

It's a new thing...we're still exploring!

Generally an AMA is a live, informal online session where members can ask subject-matter experts questions in real time. Topics may relate to institutional research, planning, analytics, data governance, methodologies, tools, or emerging issues impacting Canadian post-secondary institutions.



Who Can Attend?

All **CIRPA members** are welcome, limited as well as paid members, so invite your friends! Depending on the topic or partnering organizations, AMAs may also be open to broader audiences in the post-secondary or research community, so long as they sign up for our FREE limited membership.



What Technology Is Used?

AMAs are hosted via an online meeting platform (e.g., Zoom) and are NEVER recorded.

A link will be sent in advance, along with a description of the topic, bios of a few of our highlighted speakers and a document outlining what to expect. In general, you can expect to engage via chat, or live on the microphone!

Will Resources Be Provided Afterward?

No. To encourage a spirit of free dialogue and open inquiry we will not be recording any AMA sessions. We hope to connect you with your CIRPA colleagues so that you can follow up with them directly after the event concludes.

What Topics Will Future AMAs Cover?

We want to hear from you, have an idea for a future AMA email matthew.hack@durhamcollege.ca topics that your PD committee are currently exploring include:

- Institutional analytics and forecasting
- Data governance and security
- Emerging technologies and tools
- Organizational planning and performance
- Sector-wide trends and policy changes

Members are encouraged to propose additional topics.

Can I Volunteer as a Speaker or Recommend Someone?

Absolutely! CIRPA welcomes suggestions for:

- Speakers
- Topics
- Case studies or demonstrations
- Partner organizations

Members can contact the PD committee chair matthew.hack@durhamcollege.ca or its members: <https://cirpa-acpri.ca/committees-sub-committees/>