



The Centre for Higher Education Research and Development at the University of Manitoba (CHERD)

Elevate your skills in higher education with our professional development courses, new micro-certificate program, workshops and webinars designed for university, college and polytechnic administrators and managers. Get your professional development and network with us.

Virtual, complementary to in-house training, relevant

For over 25 years, CHERD has been providing professional development for university leaders, administrators, and managers from Canadian institutions. CHERD has trained and developed over 1,000 leaders, administrators and managers across the country.

In Spring 2020, CHERD pivoted to virtual delivery during uncertain times. We continue to offer virtual delivery, recognizing time and budget constraints, and with a commitment to reduce our carbon footprint. We continue to explore options for hybrid delivery appropriate for our stakeholders.

CHERD programming is designed to be complementary to and compatible with institutions' in-house professional development, offering participants the opportunity to gain a national perspective through learning and working with peers from across the Canadian higher education system.

Relevancy remains central. Programs are revised annually to address current issues and challenges. For example, CHERD legacy flagship programs Senior University Administrators Course (SUAC) and University Management Course (UMC) have both undergone significant revision led by two senior leaders from U-15 institutions to be both more relevant to the current environment and to complement and provide added value to those participants who have taken an in-house program. Formative and summative evaluations with feedback inform program delivery. Facilitators play a critical role, bringing current lived experience in Canadian higher education leadership and administration, knowledge of higher education literature and excellent facilitation skills.



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Our professional development and networking offerings

University Management Course (UMC)

Prepare for administration and management in higher education with this important annual professional development opportunity for higher education administrators and managers including department heads, directors, managers and senior executive assistants.

Senior University Administrators Course (SUAC)

Nurture your leadership with this important annual professional development opportunity for senior academic leaders including presidents, rectors, principals, provosts, vice presidents, associate vice presidents, deans, associate deans, registrars, chief librarians and senior directors of service.

Women in Academic Leadership

Prepare to take the next step in your career and enhance your higher education leadership potential with this unique and innovative course offered since 2018. Each year, we revise and update curriculum to ensure the most relevant experience for participants.

Heads and Chairs: Leading Academic Departments

Acquire the knowledge and skills to develop and enhance your academic leadership at the departmental level. Join department leaders from universities across Canada for an exceptional learning and networking opportunity.

Governance in Canadian Universities

NEW micro-certificate

Increase your governance expertise so you are prepared to ensure effective governance in Canadian universities and help to move them forward into the future. Explore Canadian university governance, its foundational principles and relationships, and consider the role of the governance professional. Enhance your knowledge and skills, and gain a university credential with Canada's first micro-certificate program for higher education professionals working in university governance.

CHERD workshops – New workshop on budgeting

CHERD is pleased to offer professional development workshops including a new one on university budgeting for academic administrators.

CHERD webinars

CHERD offers free one-hour webinars. Register for an upcoming webinar or view previous webinars on relevant topics.



Learn more about CHERD offerings

Get the latest information including details and dates for our courses, micro-certificate program, workshops and webinars. Watch previous webinars. Contact us directly. Find what you need.

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