

How will we do our work?

We will accomplish our work through programs of research and education. Through sponsoring academic and independent researchers, we drill down to better understand information and privacy rights and challenges, discover best practices in Canada and the rest of the world, and explore “made in Canada” solutions.

Our Advisory Board of experts includes those serving as referees and reviewers of research ideas and finished projects.

We disseminate our findings, and those of others, through educational programs aimed at all levels of schooling, as well as through webinars, workshops, seminars, conferences, journals, websites, and social media.

How can you get involved?

To build and disseminate knowledge and understanding requires research and educational programming, and a networked community to achieve this. We welcome contributions of all kinds—membership, sponsorship, partnership, financial, and in-kind.

As a new think tank, we seek funders and partners for our research and educational projects and programs as well as special activities.

Most of all, at this time, our greatest need is for stable, multi-year core funding for the next several years so that we can concentrate on building our program, community, and internal fundraising expertise.

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What are we?

The Canadian Institute for Information and Privacy Studies Society (CIIPS Society), is Canada's only independent national think tank addressing both Freedom of Information and privacy issues—the full range of today's critical Information Rights issues.

The Society is a registered charity established by some of Canada's leading experts in these fields, backed by highly accomplished individual and organizational members and advisors from across the country.

Canada needs an organization capable of building knowledge about information and privacy issues and disseminating it to nurture an educated citizenry. This is why people and organizations are coming together to support CIIPS.

Please join with us.

Why are we here?

Until now, Canada has lacked a think tank focusing on information and privacy issues, and the consensus among experts and stakeholders in this space is that understanding, research, and education, and policy-making have suffered badly as a result. The CIIPS Society intends to play a major role in solving that problem.

Canada does enjoy contributions in information and education from activist, nonprofit, and civil liberties organizations, a small number of academics, and professional practitioners in government and the private sector. But most experts in the field agree that Canada is underperforming in critical research into information issues, and is doing even more poorly in providing educational programs for children, policy makers, and the general public.

If knowledge is power, ignorance is a barrier to progress. Canada is losing ground on information and privacy knowledge, skills, and rights. We need practical research and education in order to bring innovative solutions and the world's best practices to public and private citizens.

Canada's access to information and privacy protections are not as strong and relevant as they once were. In fact, we have fallen behind other democratic nations in many ways. We need to play the long game to transform Canada's cultural attitudes toward access to information, open government, protection of privacy, and democratic participation.

Who will our programs reach?

We disseminate our research, and that of others, through educational programs. In addition to students at all levels, we build knowledge among other professionals, including lawyers and bureaucrats, journalists and marketers, business people and nonprofit organizations, along with information and privacy practitioners in government, labour, and the private sector.

We disseminate knowledge through traditional schooling and its contemporary equivalent, including webinars, workshops, conferences, seminars and journals. We will also share with the public through websites, social media, and reaching out to mainstream and specialized media.