## RNA Canada

RNA Canada: Driving RNA Research in Canada

Impact and progress of RNA Canada, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing RNA research in Canada. Since its establishment in 2022, RNA Canada has made significant strides in creating the basis for supporting the RNA research community and stimulating the innovation through:

- 1. Organization and Networking: RNA Canada has successfully brought together over 250 scientists from across Canada, creating a strong network that fosters collaboration and knowledge-sharing among RNA researchers.
- 2. Comprehensive Database: We have developed the first comprehensive database of RNA scientists in Canada, providing valuable visibility and facilitating connections within the RNA research community.
- 3. Roadmap for Research: RNA Canada has produced position papers that outline the pathway for supporting and developing innovative RNA research in Canada. These documents serve as a guiding framework for future endeavors.
- 4. Education Initiatives: We are dedicated to supporting the education and training of the next generation of RNA researchers. Through webinars and targeted RNA-specific courses, we provide valuable learning opportunities for continuous growth and skill development.
- 5. Industry Engagement: RNA Canada has established databases of companies and industrial entities interested in RNA research. By facilitating collaboration between academia and industry, we promote translational research and the practical applications of RNA discoveries.
- 6. Communication Network: Our active communication network connects scientists, students, companies, and the interested public. Through our website and social media platforms, we provide a vibrant hub for sharing news, updates, and opportunities in the RNA research field.
- 7. Strategic Partnerships: RNA Canada has initiated collaborations with various partners in the RNA ecosystem, aiming to build a comprehensive strategic plan for RNA research and innovation in Canada. By aligning efforts, we strive for a collective impact on the field.
- 8. Network Grants Platform: We have developed a platform to identify, coordinate, and facilitate the creation of large-scale network grant applications. This initiative encourages collaborative research endeavors and maximizes the efficient use of resources.

Explore the accomplishments of RNA Canada and join us in our commitment to advancing RNA research in Canada.

To learn more about our initiatives and get involved, visit our website <u>WWW.RNACanada.ca</u> and connect with us on social media @RNACanadaC2R2.