



Next Generation Network

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2026 PARIS SESSION

NEXT GENERATION NETWORK (NGN) MEMBER SPONSORSHIP

The Canadian National Committee of CIGRE is pleased to announce the opening of sponsorship for young members and students to attend the CIGRE 2026 Session being held from August 23 to 28, 2026 in Paris, France.

CIGRE Canada Sponsorships

A single sponsorship will be offered as part of this CIGRE Paris event. The sponsorship will reimburse the winner the costs for round-trip economy airfare and lodging, up to a maximum value of \$5,000. All receipts to be submitted for approval to: info@cigre-canada.org

Call for Application

Applications for the sponsorships are invited from Collective members and Individual members of CIGRE Canada. Collective members may submit up to **two** employee applications for the sponsorships. Each application should be submitted under a covering letter from the company or organization, which supports the applicant.

The criteria for applicants are attached herein and applicants are requested to address these criteria in their application.

Application Closing Date

Applications should be forwarded to the CIGRE Canada NGN, by e-mail to: ngn@cigre-canada.org

Any questions about the NGN sponsorship can also be directed to this email.

Closing date is March 15, 2026. The winner will be announced by April 15, 2026.

Further Information

Conditions applicable to the sponsorships can be found in the attachment to this note. Further information on the sponsorships may be obtained from any CIGRE Next Generation Network Member.

The technical program and general information for the CIGRE 2026 Session may be viewed and downloaded from the events section on the CIGRE website: <https://session.cigre.org/>

Objective

The goal of the CIGRE Canada NGN Member Sponsorship is to encourage Young Members and Students to get involved long-term in CIGRE Canada and CIGRE, including our technical panels, and to inspire career development for future leadership in the electrical power industry.



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Criteria

- The age of the applicant is 35 or under as of August 23, 2026, with preference of 4 to 6 years' experience in power system engineering. Students who do not have power system experience but are aspiring to be Power System Professionals are also encouraged to apply provided if they meet the criteria points below.
- The applicant is an Individual member of CIGRE Canada or is an employee of a Collective member of CIGRE Canada and has a genuine interest in pursuing a long-term career in the Electrical Power Industry.
- The applicant has not previously attended a CIGRE Paris Session.
- The applicant has demonstrated a high level of technical ability and commitment in a field of interest of CIGRE and submits a high-quality application.
- Candidates who are selected as winners for "Young Members Paris Presentation Showcase" will be ineligible to apply for the CIGRE Canada NGN Sponsorship.
- **NOTE:** the CIGRE Session registration will have to be paid by the NGN sponsorship winner.

The Application

The format of the application is not prescriptive; however, applicants should **clearly address** at least the following in their application:

- Objectives for wanting to attend the CIGRE 2026 Paris Session:
 - Benefits they believe will flow to themselves and to their employer from their attendance; and
 - Benefits they believe will flow through to the electrical power industry in Canada and CIGRE Canada from their attendance.
- Applicants should also demonstrate any direct involvement in the technical work of:
 - CIGRE and/or CIGRE Canada, such as seminars, workshops, conferences, Panels or Working Groups;
 - Other technical organizations or industry bodies and committees; and
 - Winner or finalist of a competition based on technical projects, or papers in the electrical power engineering field.
- Applicants should also provide evidence of contributions made as an author or co-author to CIGRE papers and events, or those of other technical associations, and presentations made at events or conferences.
- Applicants should nominate their specific areas of interest at the CIGRE 2026 Session.



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- Applicants from companies or organizations holding Collective membership of CIGRE Canada must have the support of their company or organization to attend the CIGRE 2026 Session in Paris. A letter of support from the applicant's manager on company letterhead is required. Similarly, applicants from universities are expected supply a letter of support from the applicant's Faculty Dean on University letterhead.
- Applicants, or their companies or organizations, must cover any expenses above the value of the sponsorship. The value of each sponsorship is up to a maximum of \$5,000.

General Information

Sponsorship recipients will attend the CIGRE 2026 Session in Paris, and an appropriate program of attendance will be developed in conjunction with the recipients, their companies, or organizations, and the CIGRE Canada Technical Committee.

As part of the attendance, sponsorship recipients will be expected to:

- Be available in Paris from August 23 to 28, 2026;
- Attend the CIGRE Canada Reception in Paris to receive an award of recognition;
- Participate in the NGN stand and activities at the Paris Session;
- Be available and willing to participate in the CIGRE Canada Next Generation Network activities for the 2026 Calendar year including delivering a brief webinar on the overall experience to help encourage future participation in similar activities.

Upon return, each recipient is required to submit a brief written report on his/her attendance to CIGRE Canada, and to attend and report to the CIGRE Canada annual meeting post the CIGRE Paris 2026 event.

In the event of a change of employer by a recipient following selection and prior to the conference, any sponsorship recipient must obtain his/her new employer's acceptance of the sponsorship conditions and assigned responsibilities; otherwise, the recipient will be required to forfeit the sponsorship.

Join the NGN Network!

If you would like updates about this Sponsorship or would like to keep up to date with CIGRE news and other opportunities available to you. Click the links below and join our CIGRE Canada NGN LinkedIn page and sign up for the CIGRE Canada NGN newsletter:



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