

# QUESTIONS FOR FEDERAL CANDIDATES



*Here are some questions to find out where the candidates in your riding stand on science and evidence-based decision-making.*

## Evidence-Informed Decision-Making

1. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure that sound evidence is used to inform decisions and policies at the federal level?
2. Canada currently has a Chief Science Advisor as well as a number of Departmental Science Advisors. How will you advance the network of federal science advice?

## Funding for Science and Research

1. It's important to me that Canada has strong capacity in science and research. What is your plan to support science and research in Canada?
2. What is your plan to support graduate students, postdoctoral students and trainees?
3. Funding for federal government science is lower today than it was in 2011. What do you plan to support federal government science?
4. Climate change is a critical issue that impacts everyone yet Canada no longer has a dedicated funding stream for climate and atmospheric science. What is your plan to ensure we have the climate science necessary to make informed policy decisions?
5. There is a need for better coordination on science and research in Canada. What are your thoughts on developing a National Science Strategy?

## Transparency and Openness

1. In recent years, the government has implemented Science Integrity Policies to ensure federal scientists can talk freely about their work to the public. What will you do to ensure that these policies are fully implemented?
2. It is important to me that there is transparency around federal decisions. How will you improve the public sharing of evidence used to inform your decisions if you are elected?
3. What are your perspectives on open data and open science? How will you help ensure publicly funded science is publicly available?

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We all benefit when public policies are informed by the best available evidence. Ensuring that research is well-funded, openly communicated and used in decision-making is essential for informed public debate and a strong democracy.

**EVIDENCE FOR DEMOCRACY** works to make this a reality by engaging and empowering the science community to grow public and political demand for evidence-based decision-making.



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