

QUESTIONS FOR FEDERAL CANDIDATES



Here are some questions you can use to find out where the candidates in your riding stand on science and evidence.

Infrastructure: science advice and capacity in government

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

Investment: clear targets for science and research funding

1. Science and research is chronically under-funded in Canada. What is your plan to support science and research in Canada?
2. Funding for federal government science is lower today than it was in 2011. How do you plan to support science in the federal government?
3. There is a need for better coordination on science and research in Canada. Will you support the development of a National Science Strategy?
4. What is your plan to support the next generation of scientists?
5. 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?

Information: evidence-informed policy for equity and prosperity

1. It is important to me that there is transparency on decisions that impact Canadians. If elected, how will you improve the public sharing of evidence used to inform government decisions?
2. What are your perspectives on open data and open science? How will you help ensure publicly funded science is publicly available?

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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