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52nd College Chemistry Canada Conference

Chemistry for All

Nunavut Arctic College
Nunatta Campus

Iqaluit, NU
29 May – 01 June, 2026



Conference website

Registration Form

On-Campus Accommodation Request Form

Abstract Submission Form

IQALUIT

About Iqaluit

Iqaluit, population 7,000, located on Baffin Island, is the capital (and only) city of Nunavut. While English is spoken by almost everyone, 45% of the population is also fluent in Inuktitut.

Iqaluit (*place of many fish)* has been a traditional fishing location used by the Inuit and their predecessors, the Paleo-Eskimo (Dorset culture) and Thule, for thousands of years. You can learn more about the Indigenous peoples of the arctic by visiting the Nunatta Sunakutaangit Museum and Unikkaarvik Visitor Centre, both of which are included on the C3 conference tour.

Located roughly 5 km from Iqaluit, Niaqunngut (Apex) is a small, independent, Inuit community. The old Hudson's Bay stores still stand in their original locations here. A monument to the Inuit who went south as tuberculosis patients, and did not return, stands at the front of the nursing station on the bank of the creek. A trip to Apex is also included in the C3 conference tour.

Weather

Daytime temperatures for the end of May fluctuation between -5°C and +10°C.

With climate change being more acute in the Arctic than anywhere else on Earth, please check the forecasts before you begin your travels and pack accordingly.

Daylight hours for the end of May are between 2:40 am and 10:25 pm.



HOST COLLEGE

Nunavut Arctic College (NAC)

Nunavut Arctic College was established in 1995 and now encompasses three vibrant campuses: Nunatta Campus in Iqaluit, Kitikmeot Campus in Iqaluktuuttiag (Cambridge Bay), and Kivalliq Campus in Kangiqliniq (Rankin Inlet), in addition to 24 Community Learning Centres. NAC is a rapidly growing institution with the world's largest catchment area covering three time zones and is an active member of the international University of the Arctic. NAC has established partnerships with more southern Canadian Universities to aid in delivery of specific degree programs.

Please note, the NAC campus is an alcohol-free venue.



Nunavut Research Institute (NRI)

The Nunavut Research Institute is a division of NAC with research facilities located in Iqaluit, Arviat, Iqaluktuuttiag, Kangiqliniq, and Igloolik. Among other initiatives, NRI is responsible for licensing researching in Nunavut. This process ensures that every research project undertaken is in the benefit of the Inuit people, and that the relevant community is fully informed of any project in its vicinity, and of the outcomes.



NRI Research Centre, Igloolik.

REGISTRATION

Registration and Costs

Registration for the 2026 C3 conference can be completed by filling out the following registration form by **Monday, May 11th**.

Three registration types are available:

- Regular Registration with yearly C3 membership ($125)
- C3 Lifetime Member Registration ($100)
  Individuals must be a lifetime C3 member
- Nunavut Inuit Registration ($0.00)
  Limited to 15 registrations for Nunavut-based Inuit

Registration Includes:

- All Saturday/Sunday conference programming
- Breakfast: Saturday and Sunday
- Lunch: Saturday and Sunday
- Coffee Breaks: Saturday and Sunday
- Friday night welcome dinner
- Saturday night banquet and entertainment
- Sunday night dinner and Inuit games
- Optional local Iqaluit tours (Friday or Monday options)
- Annual C3 membership fee ($25)

Guest Registration Options

For those travelling to Iqaluit with guests, specific aspects are open to guest registration. However, some may have limited space. For limited space events, guests will be added to a waitlist and considered for attendance *after* conference attendees. Confirmation emails will be sent to provide the status of guest requests.

Guests may be registered for the following events:

- Iqaluit Tour (on waitlist)
- Welcome reception dinner ($30)
- Conference banquet ($110)
- Sunday dinner and Inuit games ($30)
- Cultural Studies demonstrations (on waitlist)

Abstract Submissions

Abstracts for the 2026 C3 conference may be submitted through the following abstract submission form.

Abstract deadline: Sunday, May 3rd.

Program Overview

The 2026 C3 conference theme will be *Chemistry for All* and embrace the connections chemistry provides between people and places.

Conference Organizers

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Plenary and Invited Speakers

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Iqaluit, NU

Friday: *Living on the Tariu (sea): Combining Culture and Education*

Saturday: *Marine Mammal Research in Inuit Nunaat: How Local Context Impacts Scientific Interpretation of Mercury Datasets in Beluga Whales*

Svetlana Barkanova
NSERC Chair for Inclusion in Science and Engineering (Atlantic)
Memorial University, Cornerbrook, NL

Saturday: *Remote Classrooms, Rich Cultures: Empowering Indigenous Youth*

Jennifer Winters
Chemistry Teacher
Amos Comenius School, Hopedale, NL
Beaumier Award for High School Teachers

Sunday: *Incorporating Inuit Content in Chemistry Courses for Inuit Students*

Erica Taylor
Chemistry Teacher
Thornhill Secondary School, Thornhill, ON

Sunday: *Perspectives of Inuit-Contextualizing Chemistry to Non-Inuit Students*

Conference Program At-a-Glance

Friday, May 29th	
Iqaluit Tours (optional) *Registration required*	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Welcome Dinner NAC Campus	Lighting of the sacred *qulliq* by an Inuit Elder Welcome from NAC and Organizing Committee Keynote Presentation: Enooyaq Sudlovenick Welcome dinner
Saturday, May 30th	
Breakfast NAC Campus	Included in registration fee
Conference Programming NAC Campus	Keynote Presentation: Enooyaq Sudlovenick Invited Speaker: Svetlana Barkanova Morning Sessions
Lunch NAC Campus	Included in registration fee
Conference Programming	Afternoon Sessions
Banquet Dinner Aqsarniit Hotel	Banquet Dinner Inuit cultural performances Award ceremony
Sunday, May 31st	
Fun Run	5 km fun run through Iqaluit
Breakfast NAC Campus	Included in registration fee
Conference Programming NAC Campus	Keynote Presentation: Jennifer Winters Invited Speaker: Erika Taylor Morning Sessions
Lunch NAC Campus	Included in registration fee
Conference Programming NAC Campus	Afternoon Sessions C3 AGM
Farewell Dinner NAC Campus	Dinner Inuit Games Night
Monday, June 1st	
Iqaluit Tours (optional) *Registration required*	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Cultural Studies Demonstrations NAC Campus *Registration required*	Traditional fur production Inuit Jewelry making

Conference Tour of Iqaluit

Continuing the tradition of local excursions, this year's optional excursion will include a roughly three-hour tour of Iqaluit and the surrounding region, at the following times, each with limited spaces:

Friday, May 29th	Monday, June 1st
2:00 – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Due to the limited spaces available for each tour time, a waitlist will be created during the registration process. Conference attendees should indicate if they wish to join one of the tours, and which one they would like to join. Please select only one tour time in your registration. A waitlist will be created and attendees will be emailed to confirm whether or not they have secured a spot on one of the tours.

Tour Itinerary:

- **Unikkaarvik Visitor Centre**
  Beautiful displays of Inuit art, artifacts, and dioramas of Arctic life greet you as you enter the visitor centre. For those wishing to book additional excursions during their time in Iqaluit, the staff at the visitor centre can help!

- **Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum**
  Housed in a former Hudson Bay Company building, the museum showcases a must-see collection of Inuit tools, clothing, and artifacts. Local artwork is displayed and changed frequently within the museum. Upstairs, you can find binders full of old photographs offering insight into the early Iqaluit. The giftshop offers unique carvings, clothing, and jewelry for purchase.

- **St. Jude's Anglican Cathedral**
  Constructed in the shape of an iglu, the cathedral is a popular tourist location. It contains many Inuit decorations in addition to its important spiritual role for Iqalummiut (people of Iqaluit). Visits to the cathedral will depend on operating times/days.

- **Trip to Niaqunngut (Apex) and the old Hudson's Bay store location**
  Located 5 km from the city center, Apex offers stunning views of the surroundings hills and water. The Apex beachfront allows direct access to Frobisher Bay, if you are brave enough to dip your toes in.

- **Lesson in traditional dog sledding with a local dog team.**
  During this time of year, the dog teams are located on the sea ice. A short 5–10-minute walk from the beach may be required if the tour transportation cannot safely travel to the dog team location.

- **Northern Collectables**
  A locally owned gallery of over 1000 genuine Inuit crafts from throughout Nunavut for purchase. Items include carvings, prints, jewelry, traditional dolls, and seal skin accessories.

- **Carvings Nunavut**
  Hosting Nunavut's largest selection of Inuk made art, the family-owned business is committed to preserving and promoting Inuk culture through artwork. Their gallery has pieces from all over Nunavut made from soapstone, granite, jade, marble, caribou antler, whale bone, and ivory.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Conference Hotel

Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre

A world-class, modern, and luxurious hotel located just 4 minutes by car and a 16-minute walk from the NAC campus, The Aqsarniit is the newest hotel in Iqaluit and 100% Inuit-owned. The Aqsarniit banquet halls will be the location for the Saturday night conference banquet and entertainment.

Conference organizers have arranged a discounted Government of Nunavut nightly rate ($325 + 5% tax) for C3 conference attendees. When booking, use code CHEM26 to secure the discounted rate. Standard guest rooms come with either 1 king or 2 queen beds. Please indicate your preference in your email when booking.

To book with the Aqsarniit, please complete the following authorization form and return it to fd@aqsarniithote.ca and include the CHEM26 discount code in your email. Only the authorization form and the discount code are required for booking. *The email listed on the authorization form goes to the same location as the one provided here*.



The Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre

On-Campus Accommodations

NAC Residence Rooms

Limited Availability

A limited number of NAC residence rooms (single occupancy) will be available for booking. Each room is equipped with a private bathroom. A small number of family units (apartment-style) may be available.

Nightly rates (without meals) for both single occupancy and family units is $135 + 5% tax.

Booking On-Campus Rooms

Please use the following registration form for on-campus accommodation requests. Due to the limited number of rooms available, you will receive a follow-up email indicating the status of your request. Confirmation of on-campus accommodation requests will be completed on a first-come-first-serve basis until all available rooms have been booked. Upon confirmation, payment instructions will be provided along with your total room cost. Payment must be received to complete the room reservations. If not received within 48-hours of email confirmation and instruction, the rooms will be released to general booking.

Booking dates:

Earliest arrival to on-campus accommodations: **Thursday, May 28th**

Latest check-out date for on-campus accommodations: **Tuesday, June 2nd**

Alcohol is not permitted on the NAC campus, including residence rooms.



NAC Student Accommodations

Other Accommodations

Other Accommodations in Iqaluit

- **Frobisher Inn**
  Traditional hotel with attached supermarket.
  7-minute walk from NAC

- **Capital Suites Iqaluit**
  Chain hotel with discount prices
  10-minute walk from NAC

- **The Discovery Iqaluit**
  Boutique hotel with prices on request
  9-minute walk from NAC

Recommendations around Iqaluit

Hotel Dining

- **Aqsarniit Lounge**
  Casual dining. Great location for socializing outside of conference sessions.
  Recommendation: Fish & Chips (Qikiqtaaluk Fisheries locally caught turbot in beer batter with fries)

- **Frobisher Inn Storehouse Bar & Grill**
  Recommendation: Pizza (mesquite, chicken, Greek, deluxe, and four cheese)

Restaurants

- **Black Heart Café**
  Iqaluit must visit location serving wide selections including vegetarian and vegan.
  Serving some of the best coffee in Iqaluit.
  Recommendation: Spicy sambal shrimp poke bowl

- **Tundra Take-Out Diner**
  Located in the Iqaluit airport terminal and serving high quality food.

- **Asian Kitchen**
  Wide range of East Asian dishes available.

- **Yummy Shawarma**
  A highly recommended local spot with a Lebanese focus.

- **Kaapitaarvik Coffee Shop**
  Serving internationally and locally served coffee with excellent foods and sweet treats.
  Recommendation: Arctic char lox bagel with cream cheese

Breweries and Drinks

- **Nunavut Brewing Company**
  Northernmost brewery in Canada.
  Great location for easy-going socialization during the conference.