

Virtual Researchers Roundtable

Next Steps and Strategy Directions for 2025



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Introduce yourself in the chat!

Share your:

- Name
- Role
- Org
- Location
- What brings you here today

Meeting Invitations

- ❖ Bring good intentions & pay attention to impact
- ❖ Engage with agency and an open mind
- ❖ Accept and expect non-closure
- ❖ Have fun while doing good work



Aurora Institute Mission, Vision, & Values

Our Mission

The mission of the Aurora Institute is to drive the transformation of education systems and accelerate the advancement of breakthrough policies and practices to ensure high-quality learning for all.

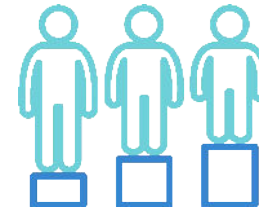
Our Vision

We envision a world where all people are empowered to attain the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to achieve success, contribute to their communities and advance society.

Our Values



Student-Centered



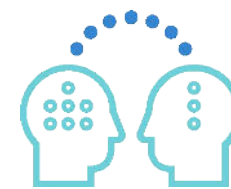
Equity-Driven



Future-Focused



Credible



Knowledge-Driven



Collaborative



Aurora Institute acknowledges that this virtual webinar takes place on lands that have been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. By focusing on the whole child, real-world application, and learning in context, competency-based education (CBE) uses similar principles to traditional Indigenous education. Whether intentional or not in the initial design, we acknowledge that CBE ideas reflect traditional Indigenous education approaches that long pre-date CBE. We want to take a moment to honor the ancestral grounds that we are collectively gathered upon and support the resilience and strength that Indigenous people have shown worldwide. Specifically, we reflect on the impact of colonization on Indigenous Peoples through education systems that marginalized and suppressed their traditional knowledge systems and ways of being.

Explore native land maps:
<https://native-land.ca>



Research Collaborative Vision

We envision a research ecosystem that **bridges theory and practice**, ensuring that student-centered learning is informed by diverse **evidence-based insights** and sustained as a meaningful, equitable approach to education.



We propose to do this by gathering researchers and practitioners to:

- Honor and interrogate existing and diverse sources of knowledge to build a **shared knowledge base** that synthesizes and translates research relevant to our field
- Prioritize **student and educator experiences** to facilitate meaningful research and support effective policy development and implementation
- Drive **assessment and accountability innovations** that capture diverse learning outcomes

Breakout Rooms

Breakout Room	Presenter	Topic
1	Jilliam Joe (Aurora)	Durable Skills
2	Rolando Fernando (KnowledgeWorks)	Educator Experiences & Needs
3	Beth Holland (TLA)	Assessment & Accountability



Report Out



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