



APECS Canada was formed in 2012 and is led by an open, multi-disciplinary board of early career researchers from across Canada. Currently, APECS Canada consists of a chair of the board, 30 board members and approximately 500 general members performing research at both poles. Due to Canada's size and the remoteness of our northern communities, APECS Canada aims to develop a variety of programming that can effectively connect researchers and northern community members across Canada. Overall, APECS Canada hopes that, in partnership with APECS, we can help our members stay connected, and develop the skill sets needed to conduct collaborative, multi-disciplinary research, reflective of current and emerging polar priorities.

Our past and current National Committee programs include the following:

**A. Education and Outreach:**

1. APECS Canada webinar series for professional development & training (e.g. science-policy, effective science communication, community collaborative research methods, etc.).
2. ["Did you know?"](#) fact sharing, a program in which members shared polar trivia and research.
3. APECS Canada [News Page](#) that relays polar news, upcoming polar events and information about the achievements of our members (e.g. member publications, awards, etc.).

**B. Online Presence:**

1. APECS Canada National Page which includes:
  - a. a list of funding and logistical [resources](#) and guides for working in the North;
  - b. a [collaborative field calendar](#) designed to link researchers visiting field locations;
  - c. an archive of past [webinars](#).
2. We also actively maintain a [Twitter](#) feed (252 followers) and [Facebook](#) page (264 followers) where APECS events, Polar News and other relevant updates are posted.

**C. Networking Opportunities:**

1. Networking events at Canadian based Polar conferences (e.g. ArcticNet Student Meeting, 2013).
2. Annual student day workshop for career development done in partnership with the ArcticNet Student Association.
3. Organizes local delegates to represent APECS at polar meetings and symposia (e.g. Arctic City meeting, Arctic Council working group meetings in Canada).

**D. Mentorship program**

1. Provides opportunities for members to sit on committees of our national partners (e.g. an APECS Canada representative sits on the Canadian High Arctic Research Station management committee).
2. Works with national partners to organize short-term work placements for members that provide skill training, and meet the needs of our partners (e.g. APECS Canada members are working with the Canadian Polar Commission to produce the [SAON Canada News Bulletin](#)).
3. Annual [Mentor Award](#) in partnership with the ArcticNet Student Association recognizes the efforts and dedication of Canadian mentors.

Currently, we are in the process of approving our Rules of Procedures and Terms of Reference to elect a leadership team with defined roles and responsibilities to provide greater structure to our growing national committee. We hope that an annual application process for leadership will invigorate our national programs allowing for program continuity and new perspectives.