

Food Secure Canada

Réseau pour une alimentation durable

# Collaborating to advance food research

## **Our mission**

Food Secure Canada is a pan-Canadian alliance of individuals and organizations working together to advance food security and food sovereignty in Canada.

FSC and its members are committed to:

- Zero Hunger
- Equitable, Sustainable Food Systems
- Healthy and Safe Food



## Member-based

We support and highlight the work of our members from across the country, helping to strengthen the food movement by uniting our advocacy efforts and voices.

All projects, campaigns and events are informed and mobilized by our members.

Consider joining us!



## What we do

- Strengthen and build the food movement by convening and engaging multi-sectoral actors;
- Reframe the conversation on strategic issues through deepened analysis and communications;
- Impact food systems and policy change by strengthening and building relationships and momentum on strategic issues.



## Some Key Issues: Eat Think Vote

Federal Election 2015 is calling for a **National Food Policy** that includes:

- Elimination of food insecurity through income supports, not charity;
- Real solutions to food insecurity in the North;
- Universal, cost-shared healthy school food program;
- Support for new farmers.

Learn more about our campaign.





#### **Current Research Initiatives**

- CFICE Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement in collaboration with Peter Andre and Charles Levkoe (Carleton University)
- Paying for Nutrition Industry Canada grant in collaboration with Patty Williams (Mt-St-Vincent University), Kristin Burnett and Kelly Skinner (Lakehead University)



#### **Current Research Initiatives**

- Raising the Bar on School Food Programs collaboration with Mary McKenna (University of New Brunswick) and others TBD
- Knowledge Mobilization in support of PROOF food security project led by Valerie Tarasuck (University of Toronto) and Lynn McIntyre (University of Calgary)



# Some FSC Roles in Research Projects

- Knowledge mobilization/translation
- Co-applicant and/or knowledge user
- Generating research questions and projects to advance our work
- Advisor
- Emerging: Brokering role between academics and non-profit sector



## **FSC Principles and Guidelines**

In all cases research projects must:

- Align with the mission and goals of Food Secure Canada;
- Complement FSC's longer-term policy priorities, although short-term turn around may be possible in some instances;
- Not be a net drain on FSC's limited staff and financial resources;
- Be ethical, transparent and credible.

See FSC Principles for Engaging in Academic Research



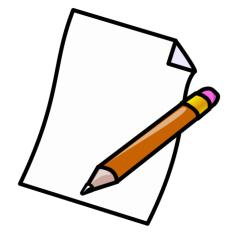
# Ideal Relationship with Academics

- Academics participate in working groups/ networks/projects;
- Co-development of research and funding applications;
- Research is driven by priorities generated by FSC, a working group or network;
- Mutually beneficial;
- Food Secure Canada's time commitment is funded and its contribution to research is recognized.



#### Join us! Get Involved!

- Sign up for our newsletter -
- Become a member of FSC -



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