

**The Canadian Association of Teachers of Technical Writing (CATTW) invites
proposals for its 2005 conference at The University of Western Ontario:
May 29 - 31**

The deadline for 250-word proposals is 1 October 2004.

The Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada has announced its major theme for the 2005 Congress—*Paradoxes of citizenship: environments, exclusions and equity*—intended to reflect current and emerging national and international developments in many areas of human endeavour.

The CATTW conference is part of the annual Congress. In keeping with the Federation's theme, the CATTW conference programme committee--this year, in cooperation with the Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric (CSSR)--invites scholars in technical, professional, and scientific writing; rhetoric, linguistics; and other language-related disciplines to submit formal research proposals. **All formal research proposals should foreground the research methods and context on which the paper is based and include parenthetical references to relevant literature.**

Proposals are invited for any of following three themes:

1. **"Toward Census Communis?" How professional discourses currently construct or deconstruct a sense of citizenry.** The notion of "citizenry" can be located within a variety of places, ranging from a workplace or specific group to a local, national, or global context. Papers may also discuss research that explores links between "citizenry" and the teaching of professional discourses. *Proposals for this theme will be considered for a one-day joint session between CATTW and CSSR, tentatively scheduled for May 29, 2005.*
2. **Environmental Rhetorics: Frameworks for theorizing and teaching a range of discourses about environmental issues.** The notion of "environment" may be defined in a variety of ways. Papers for this theme may focus on a specific case or issue, or may discuss research that explores relationships between environmental rhetorics and the teaching of technical/professional discourses.
3. **Exclusions and Equity: Critical explorations of ways in which current theorizing, teaching, and/or practices of technical and professional communication may open up, close down, or "level" possibilities for participation.** The notion of "participation" may be defined according to a specific context, purpose, or audience.

CATTW also invites formal research proposals on other topics relevant to the teaching and practice of technical, professional, and scientific writing.

As well, we welcome submissions for round-tables, workshops, and informal sessions. While such submissions need not necessarily reflect formal research, they should relate to

current conversations in the field and should encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences among participants.

Please note: all presenters must be current members of CATTW. Please go to <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/~agoldric/CATTW> for membership information.

An Important Note About Travel Funding:

If the CATTW Programme Committee receives a sufficient range and variety of high-quality formal research proposals by October 1, 2004, those writers will be asked in October to fill out a one-page, online form as part of a Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada travel funding application. CATTW will then apply by November 1 on everyone's behalf for travel support. If CATTW's application is successful, some funding will be available for those presenting formal research papers. We expect to know the status of our travel application by February 2005.

Requirements for Submitting Your Proposal:

Formatting:

Part One. On a separate page, please provide complete contact information, including an up-to-date email address.

Part Two. Please provide your proposed title and abstract (single or double-spaced). The length of your abstract **cannot exceed 250 words**. The word count includes any parenthetical references. PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH A LIST OF REFERENCES.

Electronic Submission:

Please send an electronic attachment if you can; format it as either a Word .doc or as .rtf. Please use the subject-line "Proposal for 2005 CATTW/ACPRTS" so your submission will not be classified as junkmail.

Please e-mail your proposal package **before midnight, Friday October 1, 2004, to--** glamorousgrammar@shaw.ca

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