

## Foreword

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*Polytechnics Canada*

**Polytechnic institutions are ideal partners for disruption and transformation.** They offer industry-relevant programs, equipment and facilities that prepare learners for the workplace, support mid-career workers updating their skills and help solve real-world innovation and productivity challenges.

In May of 2019, Polytechnics Canada hosted its Annual Showcase at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University campus, to share the results of a brainstorming session that began with the question, How are polytechnics disrupting post-secondary education in Canada?

The result was a program that reflected diverse and innovative initiatives across campuses: cultural shifts, reimagined classrooms and curricula, light-filled innovation spaces and business partnerships all designed to prepare today's learners for tomorrow's workplaces. Included in this special issue of JIPE are abstracts from four of those presentations, as well as insights provided by our two keynotes, to provide a glimpse of the innovative ideas discussed.

Join us on May 13-14, 2020 at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario, for further discussions—this time on Know-how partners for a knowledge economy. Keep an eye on [www.polytechnicscanada.ca](http://www.polytechnicscanada.ca) for more information.

### About Polytechnics Canada


**Polytechnics Canada is the voice of leading research-intensive, publicly funded polytechnics, colleges and institutes of technology.** The organization is involved in federal advocacy related to skills and innovation policy, reflecting the strengths of its member institutions.

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