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Thursday, May 21st, 2026

8 AM – 1 PM	Recommended Arrival	Toronto Pearson airport
1 – 1:30 PM	Badge Pickup -- Poster Dropoff	
1:30 – 5:30 PM	Opening Session	
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Kickoff	The PoWER Organizing Team
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Talk 1	Malika Jeffries-EL (BU)
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Talk 2	Christina Cooley (Trinity)
<i>3:15 – 3:45 PM</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Talk 3	Stefania Musolino (Xlynx)
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Lightning Talks	To be selected from poster abstracts
5:30 – 7 PM	Poster Session	

Friday, May 22nd, 2026

8:30 – 9:15 AM	Breakfast -- Badge Pickup Option 2	
9:15 – 11 AM	Morning Session	
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome	The PoWER Organizing Team
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Talk 4	Eugenia Kumacheva (Toronto)
10:15 – 11 AM	Talk 5	Danniebelle Haase (Dow Chemical)
<i>11:00 – 11:30 AM</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30 – 12:30 PM	Workshops	
	1. <u>Industry Career Panel</u> : Sarah Parke (Qnity), Jerika Chiong (Google), and more!	
	2. <u>Alternative Careers Panel</u> : Jessica Freyer (Venture Capital), and more!	
	3. <u>Effective Management, Mentorship, & Leadership</u>	
	4. <u>Independent Career Study Lounge</u>	

12:30 – 2 PM	Lunch	
2 – 5 PM	Afternoon Session	
2 – 2:45 PM	Talk 6	Kat Knauer (NREL)
2:45 – 3:30 PM	Talk 7	Lilo Pozzo (Washington)
<i>3:30 – 3:45 PM</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Talk 8	Beth Gillies (U of Western Ontario)
4:30 – 5 PM	Wrap-Up	The PoWER Organizing Team
5 – 7 PM	Reception & Networking	
	<i>Networking Sessions during evening and next day</i>	
	<u>PUI attendees and aspirational PUI faculty</u>	
	<i>Organizers: Mia Borden (Trinity), Annie McCue (U of St. Thomas), Abigail Clapperton (Toronto)</i>	
	<u>Sustaining Women in Science</u>	
	<i>Organizers: Madison Bardot (Northwestern)</i>	
	<u>Postdoc Networking</u>	
	<i>Organizers: Rachel Bianculli (Florida)</i>	
9 PM – next day	Recommended Departure	Toronto Pearson airport

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