

## Our Goals:

1. To provide professional development for the biosafety and biosecurity community within Canada and internationally;
2. To establish and maintain the biosafety and biosecurity body of knowledge and best practices through our credentialing programs;
3. To ensure and maintain the involvement of CABS-ACSB on the national and international stage by participating in governmental, industrial, academic and international consultation processes and providing subject matter expertise to stakeholder communities;
4. To influence and guide the development of regulatory requirements within the sustainability of regulations.

## Registered Biosafety Officer

A Registered Biosafety Officer (RBSO) in Canada has an understanding of microbiology appropriate to the scope of work expected within their workplace. This is attained through a combination of education, training and experience.

CABS is the registration organization responsible for providing the RBSO designation. The RBSO application process is open to both the national and international community.

## Certified Biosafety Officer

The process for certifying Biosafety Officers (BSO's) in Canada is performed through a partnership between the Canadian College of Microbiologists (CCM) and CABS-ACSB. Together, CCM and CABS-ACSB certify BSOs through an examination to assess microbiology competencies and recognize BSO's who are not microbiologists.

## Education

CABS hosts the annual Canadian Biosafety Symposium, which brings together biosafety professionals from across Canada and the world. The Canadian Biosafety Symposium provides training and learning opportunities from prominent biosafety specialists, as well as pre-symposium workshops, tours and plenary sessions.

CABS also hosts webinars throughout the year covering a wide variety of topics to enhance learning objectives. These webinars are offered at no cost to our membership. CABS is exploring the development of on-line courses. Lastly, CABS periodically hosts intensive, weeklong courses including the International High Containment Operations and Maintenance Workshop.

## Our Members are:

Biosafety/Biosecurity Officers, Health and Safety Professionals, Academics, Veterinarians, Architects, Engineers, Certifiers, Researchers, Educators, Managers, Administrators and many more.

## Our Members work in:

Hospitals, Health Care Facilities, Diagnostic and Medical Laboratories, Universities and Colleges, Veterinary Facilities, Agriculture and Environment, Research and Development, Government, Manufacturers, Pharmaceutical Industries, Occupational Hygiene, and many more.



# Why become a CABS Member?

## Benefits include:

- Networking
- Professional Development
- Biosafety Resources
- Leadership Opportunities
- Mentoring Opportunities
- National Profile
- Consult on Policy/Regulatory Development
- Webinars and Training Opportunities

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## OUR MISSION

To support and develop  
the biosafety and biosecurity  
profession in Canada  
and to share our knowledge  
and expertise nationally  
and internationally.



**Become a member  
and together we  
can be a stronger  
voice for biosafety  
and biosecurity**

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